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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 12:54:41 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

I have a call with the region at noon. Will fill you in then.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2018, at 8:44 AM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

I have no idea what this means. I am going to Minden Thursday if still employed. They can do what they want in Charleston

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2018, at 8:50 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI. This may throw a wrench in our plans to drive out there.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 1, 2018 at 8:02:14 PM EDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

There may be a change to the agenda for the Minden trip. I'll let you know soonest. The State Senator May prefer the Thursday evening meeting with residents and the health folks with DEP/EPA. We do want locals taking the lead on the health issue. If that's the case, we will have an agency only meeting on Friday morning in Charleston, making overnighing in Charleston preferable to Oak Hill.

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2018, at 3:08 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Jennifer.

I'll be traveling with Kell on the trip. We'll be renting a car and driving the 5+ hours from DC, so we'll probably be arriving into Minden around the same time as Cos. Do you have any information on hotels?

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Minden

Thank you Jenifer. This will work

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202 306 8830

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:00 PM

**To:** Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>; Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Minden

Kell,

Good Afternoon. My name is Jenifer Fields and I serve as Cosmo's Chief of Staff. Cosmo has asked me to coordinate the plans for next week's visit to Minden. The plans have shifted slightly from the preliminary plan Cosmo shared with you.

Cosmo's flight into Charleston on April 5<sup>th</sup> arrives late afternoon (earliest available). We are coordinating with State Senator Baldwin who has offered to take the lead in hosting an evening meeting between State Health officials, DEP, EPA and legislators. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange a community health event, and to collaborate on federal, state and local resources/programs in support of that event.

The following morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, could be used as an opportunity for you both to drive through the community and meet with a few residents one-on-one. It could also be an opportunity to mention the coordination of a *Wellness Outreach and Resource Open House* later in the Spring. The advantage of meeting with residents after the coordination meeting is that we could message on forward progress: We heard you clearly at the public meetings. Health is a big concern. While we continue to work on the site investigation, we will also work with local officials to facilitate coordination among a broader group of agencies with responsibilities for public health.

For the health event itself, tentatively proposed for late April, we would be asking the health agency to conduct a survey of the residents, in advance, to inform the event planners. This would give all of the residents equal standing in their needs, and be a more complete assessment than the information gathered at the public meeting, in which not everyone attended/participated. The proposed event could then be tailored, based on the survey results and input from support agencies, to include programs that are geared to either limiting unhealthy exposure, or improving health in this community. This event will support the introduction and participation of health agencies that may have had limited to no involvement in Minden to date.

As far as the site investigation, following the public meetings March 16-17, we began additional sampling in the area, which included the Shaffer site, private residences and the Arbuckle Creek. These results are expected back mid-June. We are also coordinating further sampling areas with WV DEP. We can anticipate another public meeting once all results are back. Once we are satisfied with site assessment sampling, the data will be used for HRS purposes.

We will forward a final agenda, once coordination is complete. Below is the draft.

**Draft Agenda- Minden**

**April 5**

**Arrival:** 4-5pm

**Meeting:** 7 pm

Location- TBD (Greater Oak Hill Area)

Attendees- Legislators, DEP, EPA, Health Officials

Purpose -Coordinate a Wellness Outreach and Resource Open House

Hotel in Oak Hill overnight

**April 6**

**Minden On-site:**

Visit with residents and time permitting, tour landmarks:

Shaffer Equipment Company Site

The Cap

Decommissioned Minden water treatment site

Oak Hill Sewer Line Project

Arbuckle Creek

**Depart for Airport:** 10 am

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jen

Jenifer Fields, Chief of Staff

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**Sent:** 4/3/2018 8:40:44 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Trip to Minden WV April 5-6

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**Sent:** 4/3/2018 8:40:53 PM  
**To:** 'Albert Kelly (kelly.albert@epa.gov)' [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Trip to Minden WV April 5-6

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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 2:04:06 PM  
**To:** headwatersdefense@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: [SPAM-Sender] Re: [SPAM-Sender] Re: Minden, WV Visit

Brandon,

Are you available for a call at your earliest convenience today? Kell has asked me to chat with you concerning logistics.

Thanks  
Nick.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kelly, Albert" <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 2, 2018 at 12:29:03 PM EDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [SPAM-Sender] Re: [SPAM-Sender] Re: Minden, WV Visit

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Headwaters Defense <headwatersdefense@gmail.com>  
**Date:** April 2, 2018 at 12:23:44 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kelly, Albert" <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** [SPAM-Sender] Re: [SPAM-Sender] Re: Minden, WV Visit

I am telling people Thursday evening. Let me know when as soon as you can.  
-Brandon

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2018, at 9:56 AM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

My understanding was that was to be Thursday night. I will confirm and let you know

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** [SPAM-Sender] Re: Minden, WV Visit

Do you plan on having evening public meetings Thursday and Friday?

-Brandon

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2018, at 12:09 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

I appreciate your points and perhaps I can come another day later in the year but in the near term this is the only time I can come. If you prefer I not come now I will delete the trip.

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [<mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 31, 2018 12:01 PM

**To:** Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Minden, WV Visit

Dear Mr. Kelly,

We are thrilled to have you for a visit. However, this date is too close approaching for many of our working families. Most community members need time so they can request off from work. This includes an employee from the former Shaffer Equipment company, who was looking forward to showing you around to unaddressed dump sites and talking to you about his knowledge of the PCB spreading practices.

In addition, **Ex. 6** whom you met in January's meeting, will be having an important doctor's appointment the 5th. She will be disappointed if she is unable to meet you in Minden. I will be at a mandatory training for my job.

Our community members have met and decided that it would be best if we could request a rescheduling for your visit. If you can reschedule, any time after April 15th would be best.

Please let us know if a reschedule is possible. If not, then we are still happy to host you, but many will be disappointed with their inability to be there. Feel free to call any time.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Brandon Richardson

Headwaters Defense  
Minden Community Action Team  
304-640-3653

Susie Worley-Jenkins  
Minden Community Action Team  
Headwaters Defense  
304-640-4093

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2018, at 8:02 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Looks like the 5th and 6th

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2018, at 8:01 PM, Headwaters Defense <[headwatersdefense@gmail.com](mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please let us know as soon you have secured a date. We are looking forward to your visit.

Thanks again,  
-Brandon Richardson

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2018, at 6:20 PM, Headwaters Defense <[headwatersdefense@gmail.com](mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com)> wrote:

This is great news!

If the date is during the workweek, could there be an evening session so that working families can attend? Also our we would like to take you on a tour of the area, so it would be great if you were around for some daylight.

Thank you,  
Brandon Richardson  
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2018, at 5:16 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello, yes, I am expecting to be there in April. I am awaiting a date from the Region. When I have that, I will let you know. Thank you and always call on me if I can be of help

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [<mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 5:14 PM

To: Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>

Subject: Minden, WV Visit

Dear Mr. Albert Kelly,

I hope that all has gone well since our last meeting. We were wondering if you are still interested in visiting Minden. If so, do you have any already existing plans to come visit? If you do not have any existing plans to visit, could we plan on a date?

We are happy to show you our community. We are ready to share our challenges with living in, and getting relocated from the toxic town of Minden. Thank you for what you have been doing to help our community.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 2:14:28 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re:

Love it. Looking forward to it.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 3, 2018, at 9:58 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Just so you know, we are going to Minden. Tell the Region. I can fend for myself. Never, ever pat me on the head and say stand down

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> Sent from my iPhone



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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 3:32:44 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
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Do you have a quick minute to talk some more about this?

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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 11:21:45 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: social media posts

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2018, at 7:19 PM, Fields, Jenifer <[fields.jenifer@epa.gov](mailto:fields.jenifer@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferrell, Mark" <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 7:18:36 PM EDT  
**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <[fields.jenifer@epa.gov](mailto:fields.jenifer@epa.gov)>, "Libertz, Catherine" <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>, "schafer, joan" <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** social media posts

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Annetta Coffman  
April 2 at 12:28pm

Albert Kelly, head of Superfund will be in Minden This Thurs and Friday to meet with the residents of Minden. This is IMPORTANT. This may be our only chance to present why we need relocated. Anyone from Minden who is willing to speak before him please let me know. It's time we stand up for ourselves and the ones who have lost their lives from Minden. Everyone from Minden has lost someone due to cancer here, some more than 1. Our children are now suffering and in 30 more yrs they will be fighting still if NOTHING is done now



**Brandon Richardson**

Admin · · 2 hrs

Chance of a lifetime for Minden community voices!

**Britt Huerta**  
Yesterday at 2:01pm ·

<1f41c.png>  "The damn EPA couldn't organize ants around a lollipop."

-Brandon Richardson

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Justin Raines But they'd do everything they could to prevent the ants from organizing themselves.

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Brandon Richardson Preach! <1f64f\_1f3fb.png>.Literally our current situation in Minden RN

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Brandon Richardson BUT it didn't work because we just decided to take over the whole event

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Justin Raines It always makes me feel warm and fuzzy when you all are like "Hey, nope, this is our town, and here's how this is going to work."

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Liz Kammeyer Can just hear him sayin' this.

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Janet Lee DeHart Swift Brandon Richardson - really. <1f642.png><1f44d.png>

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**Sent:** 4/5/2018 11:50:40 AM  
**To:** Smoot, Nicole [Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena [Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]; Davis, Gail [Davis.Gail@epa.gov]; Jenkins, Juanita [jenkins.juanita@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance [McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 6:02 AM, Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov> wrote:

Travel has been funded and approved

*"Committed to Service and People"*

***Nicole V. Smoot***

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**From:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 3:21 AM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Davis, Gail <Davis.Gail@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Juanita <jenkins.juanita@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

Sharnett- please check into this ASAP and email me when you have confirmed it is good to go. Thanks, Helena

Helena Wooden-Aguilar  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-0792 (office)  
202-302-6846 (mobile)  
[wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov](mailto:wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov)

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**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 2:21:46 AM EDT  
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**Cc:** "Willis, Sharnett" <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

This is the trip we're going on today!!!!!!

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Concur <Travel@concursolutions.com>  
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 12:14:42 AM EDT  
**To:** <FALVO.NICHOLAS@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

## WARNING! THE FOLLOWING TRIP IS STILL ON HOLD.

Your trip will be automatically cancelled if your fare expires before it is removed from hold. Either take the trip off hold, or ask your manager to expedite approval if it is awaiting approval, to prevent your fare from expiring.

## Trip Overview

Trip Name: Car/Hotel Reservation - Washington  
Start Date: April 05, 2018  
End Date: April 06, 2018  
Created: March 28, 2018, NICHOLAS FALVO (Modified: April 04, 2018)  
Description: Traveler will be community meeting on Minden, WV site.  
Agency Record Locator: Q544GO  
Reservation for: Nicholas A Falvo  
Total Estimated Cost: **\$91.51** USD  
Agency Name: BCD\_EPA

## Reservations

**Thursday, April 05, 2018**

### Hertz Car Rental at: Washington US (DCA)

Pick-up at: Washington US (DCA)

Pick Up: 12:00 PM Thu Apr 5  
Pick-up at: Washington US (DCA)  
Number of Cars: 1  
Return: 06:00 PM Fri Apr 6  
Returning to: Washington US (DCA)

Confirmation: H61937393E8  
Status: Confirmed  
Rate Code: TMDE

### Additional Details

Rate: \$28.49 USD weekend rate, unlimited miles; \$59.99 USD extra daily rate, unlimited miles  
Total Rate: \$91.51 USD  
Corporate Discount: 2081549

### Rental Details

Standard / Car / Automatic transmission / Air conditioning

### Remarks

BASE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAXES AND SURCHARGES  
CAR RENTER MUST BE 25 OR 18 YEARS OF AGE IF GOVERNMENT  
RATE CONFIRMED WITH VALID DRIVERS LICENSE. CREDIT CARD  
IN THE NAME OF THE DRIVER IS REQUIRED FOR RENTAL.



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Credit Card, Last four digits: Ex. 6

## Remarks

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**Sent:** 4/5/2018 4:39:43 PM  
**To:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden Meeting Agenda

Brandon-  
Please call me at 202 760-0581

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 2:57 AM, Headwaters Defense <headwatersdefense@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>  
> Hello Mr. Falvo and Mr. Kelly,  
>  
> I have attached an agenda for Today's Meeting. We left the latter part to EPA in the case you have any presentation or something. If, not, we can use this time to open the floor and discuss how to make progress in a dialogue.  
>  
> As for Friday's tour, please talk to Susie about a starting time for Friday that works with Mr. Kelly.  
>  
> I have very limited availability today so I will leave you with some phone numbers for people you can contact if needed.  
>  
> Susie Worley-Jenkins  
> 304 640 4093  
>  
> Kimberly Lilly  
> 304 640 5249  
>  
> Annetta Coffman  
> 30 228 1145  
>  
> Thank you for taking your time to visit our community.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> -Brandon Richardson  
> <Albert Kelly Meeting Agenda 4 5 2018.pdf>

Message

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 8:00:15 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting

The State health guy you spoke with.      The Headwater people.

I'll be fine.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

>

> From whom?

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> Albert Kelly

> Senior Advisor to the Administrator

> 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

> Washington, DC 20460

> 202 306 8830

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Falvo, Nicholas

> Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:26 PM

> To: Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>

> Subject: Re: Meeting

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> Got it.

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> Thanks.

>

> Wish me luck.    I'm getting lots of calls.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Apr 5, 2018, at 3:24 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Remember tonight. I was redeployed here. Unavoidable. I pledged to Brandon that I would come to Minden myself the first part of May. So you will be back. Also remember you represent the Administrator tonight and express his concern for the people. We work for them.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** 4/6/2018 12:51:48 AM  
**To:** Ex. 6  
**Subject:** Re: Minden W.V PCBs

Thank you Mr. Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 8:48 PM, Ex. 6 wrote:

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> I was at the community center tonight but didn't want people to know my family's medical information i

**Ex. 6**

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> Thank you for your time: Ex. 6

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**Sent:** 4/6/2018 2:16:32 AM  
**To:** konkas.john@epa.gov  
**Subject:** Technical Assistance services for communities Grants

I'm in Minden, WV. Would like to talk with you on a grant for out here.  
Something they can get before the site gets listed on NPL

Thanks bud.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** 4/6/2018 9:56:48 PM  
**To:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Another article from Minden

It could be worse...love how they cherry picked my resume though.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 5:55 PM, Linden, Melissa <[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 5:54 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Saw this one as soon as I got home.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 5:49 PM, Linden, Melissa <[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

<https://thinkprogress.org/epa-superfund-official-visits-minden-west-virginia-63704c2946d4/>

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** 4/8/2018 12:47:07 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Ex. 6  
**Subject:** Re:

Thank you Mr. [REDACTED] Ex. 6  
In speaking with Mr Kelly and others, we will be also reaching out to FEMA.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 7, 2018, at 4:04 PM, [REDACTED] Ex. 6 wrote:

>  
> I'm sorry to message you but I'm asking what EPA is going to do about my house flooding when Shaffer's equipment site got damaged I have attached pictures to this email my home is toxic now I also have F.E.M.A paperwork to back what I'm saying I'm trying to work with EPA on this but if can't get this matter taken care of than I'll have to take legal action and file a suit I don't want to do that but afraid to let my kids live in a toxic waste soaked home also have report of PCBs in my yard to also back this all picture is rescue team with boat to help minden people out of homes I don't want to hand this over to a lawyer because this will open a can of worms that EPA doesn't want also have pictures of oil on top of the water from Shaffer's equipment site and also report of New River that was tested at Arbuckle Creek showing the levels of PCBs coming from minden that was done by wvdep  
> <FB\_IMG\_1523023894025.jpg>  
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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 1:58:58 PM  
**To:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** FB\_IMG\_1523023894025.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1523023992063.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1523023866945.jpg

FYI.

Also, can you help me with the correct timeline in terms of flooding? There were many mentions of floods at the meeting Thursday night, and I have found some information on the 2001 and 2017 catastrophic floods. Were there any other major floods where the state or other federal agencies came into Minden? (I.e. FEMA)

And need to touch base one more time on those Technical Assistance Services Grants.

Thanks again for everything you're doing down there.

Nick

**From:** Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 4:05 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:**

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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 1:59:06 PM  
**To:** Kim [Ex. 6]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden meeting 4/5/18

Kim –

I'm trying to watch this video but I'm getting an error message. Any way the video can be sent directly and not through Facebook?

Thanks  
Nick

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**From:** Kim [Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 6:02 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden meeting 4/5/18

Gentlemen,

I am copying the link to the live Facebook stream that Kristy Crouch-Gilkey did of the meeting at Minden on the date referenced above.

<https://www.facebook.com/kristy.crouchgilkey/videos/1778591778890317/>

If I can provide anything further, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Kimberly D. Lilly

[Ex. 6]

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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 1:59:38 PM  
**To:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Minden W.V PCBs

Not sure if I forwarded this to you.

**From:** Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden W.V PCBs

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Thank you for your time:

**Ex. 6**

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**Sent:** 4/10/2018 7:39:52 PM  
**To:** Cook, Steven [cook.steven@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

On the way

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2018, at 3:35 PM, Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

I am free now – no other meetings

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:00 PM  
**To:** Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

Are you still free at 3:00?  
Probably only need 5 minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 4:06 PM, Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry I missed you. Tomorrow from 3 pm on is available.

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

I'm sitting in the main OLEM waiting room whenever you're back.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:59 PM, Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

3138 WJCWest - Far West wing as I like to call it.

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

I'll plan on heading over to you at 3:30.

Where is your office?

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**From:** Cook, Steven  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

I have a 3 pm that should wrap up around 3:30. Any time after that will work.

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** Cook, Steven <[cook.steven@epa.gov](mailto:cook.steven@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

I think Kell was going to be calling Bryon directly on a site specific call.

Thank you. It wasn't as bad as many people warned me it was going to be. I can head over to your office and give you a quick recap of everything the residents said.

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**From:** Cook, Steven  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:52 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly SF Calls with Kell

So no call today.

Nice job in Minden, WV. The press reports looked good. If you need a traveling companion for those types of meetings, I am available.

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:38 PM  
**To:** Peterson, Mary <[Peterson.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Mary@epa.gov)>; Jackson, Robert W. <[Jackson.Robertw@epa.gov](mailto:Jackson.Robertw@epa.gov)>; Melvin, Karen <[Melvin.Karen@epa.gov](mailto:Melvin.Karen@epa.gov)>; Prince, John <[Prince.John@epa.gov](mailto:Prince.John@epa.gov)>; Hill, Franklin <[Hill.Franklin@epa.gov](mailto:Hill.Franklin@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cook, Steven <[cook.steven@epa.gov](mailto:cook.steven@epa.gov)>; Mackey, Cyndy <[Mackey.Cyndy@epa.gov](mailto:Mackey.Cyndy@epa.gov)>; Fonseca, Silvina <[Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov](mailto:Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov)>; Gardner, Monica <[Gardner.Monica@epa.gov](mailto:Gardner.Monica@epa.gov)>; Patterson, Kenneth <[Patterson.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Patterson.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Weekly SF Calls with Kell

All –  
FYI: Kell is on travel this week, and will most likely unable to have calls this week. However, he did say that other than today, he will be day to day with his availability. I wanted to give you all an advanced heads up in the case we have to reschedule.  
Thanks  
Nick

Nicholas Falvo  
Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator  
[Falvo.Nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:Falvo.Nicholas@epa.gov)  
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**Sent:** 3/9/2018 12:35:47 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

I'll work with Karen and Cos' staff to set it up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2018, at 7:05 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

I am going to need to rent a car to go to Minden. I also need a room somewhere near there if possible for Friday night. Try and have me stay where the Region folks are staying.

Albert Kelly  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
202 306 8830

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**Sent:** 1/24/2018 2:15:46 PM  
**To:** Woolford, James [Woolford.James@epa.gov]; Breen, Barry [Breen.Barry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Albert Kelly (kelly.albert@epa.gov) [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Background on sites for Lois Gibbs meeting  
**Attachments:** image2018-01-24-064141.pdf

see attached

Minden, WV  
Hoosick Falls, NY  
CTS of Asheville, NC  
Newsom Brothers/Old Reichhold Chemicals, Columbia, MS  
Tar Creek, OK  
West Lake Landfill, MO  
San Jacinto River Waste Pits, TX



**FY 2018 PRESS CONFERENCE & HEARINGS  
CTS of ASHEVILLE, Inc., NORTH CAROLINA**

**ISSUE/TOPIC:** Status of the CTS of Asheville, Inc. NPL Site

**BACKGROUND:**

- The CTS of Asheville Site is located at 235 Mills Gap Road in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina. The primary contaminant of concern is trichloroethene (TCE) that has significantly contaminated groundwater. The Site has substantial community and media interest.
- EPA has implemented a series of removal actions to provide clean drinking water to residents within a 1-mile radius of the site, and to mitigate TCE vapors emanating from the site.
- An Interim Action Record of Decision was signed on February 11, 2016. The source control cleanup strategy will treat approximately 208,250 cubic yards of TCE saturated material over an approximate 3.1 acre area. The estimated cost of the remedy is \$9 million.
- The interim action will use a combination of Electric Resistance Heating (ERH) and In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO). EPA and DOJ successfully negotiated a Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Consent Decree with the Responsible Parties to implement the interim cleanup action. The Consent Decree was approved by the U.S. District Court of Western NC and became effective on March 7, 2017.
- Monitoring will be conducted while the remedy is implemented to ensure adequate protection of on-site workers and the surrounding community. Groundwater will also be monitored to evaluate the anticipated decreasing concentration of TCE in the deeper bedrock aquifer over time.
- The scope of the final "site-wide" remedy depends on the ultimate success of the Interim Remedial Action. The final "site-wide" remedy will address any remaining unacceptable risks to human health and the environment posed by TCE in the subsurface not addressed by the Interim Remedial Action.
- On August 31, 2016, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a final audit report, "Progress Made, but Improvements Needed at CTS of Asheville Superfund Site in North Carolina to Advance Cleanup Pace and Reduce Potential Exposure."
- Congressional Interest: Senator Richard Burr and Representatives Mark Meadows and Patrick McHenry have previously shown interest in the site. A site visit and tour with representatives from Congressmen's Meadows and McHenry offices is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2018.

**TALKING POINTS:**

- All OIG recommendations were resolved by the March 31, 2017 deadline.
- EPA sponsored a public meeting in Asheville on November 30, 2017 to formally kick-off the start of cleanup. Pursuant to comments received at the meeting, EPA installed new signage at the front entrance, and issued a safety brief to the community to describe the additional safeguards that will be implemented during remedy construction and operation.
- The Electric Resistance Heating design was approved by EPA in December 2017. Approximately 70 electrodes of the planned 229 have been installed to date. Drilling is expected to continue through February 2018. Installation of above-ground ERH treatment components and system shakedown will occur in March/April. The heating effort is expected to begin in May, and is expected to be completed by October/November 2018.

- A pilot scale ISCO injection event is planned for February 2018 to evaluate the oxidation effectiveness and radius of influence. Full-scale ISCO is expected to be implemented in calendar year 2019.
- EPA recently sponsored a site tour and hosted the local TV network (WLOS). The resulting story ran on January 18<sup>th</sup>, and can be found at this link: <http://wlos.com/news/local/news-13-investigates-cts-clean-up>

**Newsom Brothers/Old Reichhold Chemicals Superfund Site  
Columbia, Mississippi**

**Background:**

- The site includes an area where several companies produced wood derivatives from 1936 to 1977.
- EPA placed the site on the Superfund Program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1986 because of contaminated groundwater, soil and sediment resulting from facility operations.
- In 1984 and 1987, EPA performed two emergency cleanup actions at the site.
- In 1984, EPA removed 600 drums and drained two on-site ponds.
- In 1987, EPA removed 1,920 tons of contaminated soil and 3,900 empty and partially filled drums.
- The PRPs completed the groundwater monitoring program in 1999.
- EPA and the state confirmed that groundwater contamination did not pose a threat to people and the environment.
- The site was deleted from the NPL in 2000, and EPA does not anticipate additional work at the site.
- This site is not subject to Five Year Reviews because no waste was left in place at the site after cleanup.

## TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE, OKLAHOMA

**TOPIC:** Status of work remaining at the Tar Creek Superfund Site

### BACKGROUND:

- The 40-square-mile Tar Creek site is located in northeast Oklahoma on the Kansas/Missouri border. Abandoned mining operations left millions of cubic yards of lead, cadmium, and zinc contaminated mill waste in 'chat piles.' In addition to the chat, there are hundreds of miles of abandoned mines filled with acid mine water, affecting watersheds covering more than 100 square miles.
- The EPA is currently investigating the surface water and sediment affected by the site's mine waste with a focus on how tribes that use the surface water for cultural purposes are affected. This investigation requires coordination with seven tribes and covers seven watersheds, including 437 square miles and 200 river miles.
- Accomplishments: The EPA completed cleanup of nearly 3,000 residential properties, relocated 4 communities, remediated approximately 3.2 million tons of mining waste and affected soils, and plugged over 50 abandoned wells. As a result of these activities, approximately 600 acres of private and tribal lands are ready for reuse.
  - The Oklahoma State Department of Health's latest report of blood-lead level data shows that only 1.2 percent of the 676 children tested and residing in Ottawa County had elevated blood-lead levels. These results demonstrate a significant and meaningful improvement from earlier studies that indicated approximately 35 percent of the children had elevated blood-lead levels.
- Congressional Interest: Senator Inhofe (R-OK)

### TALKING POINTS:

- The EPA is working collaboratively with the Quapaw Tribe and ODEQ on the Tar Creek Superfund site's remedy. The EPA continues to award remedial action cooperative agreements to both the Quapaw Tribe and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to carry out remedial actions at the site, and recently awarded nearly \$5 million to Quapaw Tribe for continued cleanup efforts. Additional funding for both entities is planned in and beyond FY 2018.
- Nearly 3,000 residential property cleanups are complete and 3.2 million tons of mining waste and affects soils have been remediated. Latest blood-lead level data from Oklahoma State Department of Health show that the percent of children with elevated blood-lead levels has dropped from 35 percent to 1.2 percent.
- A total of more than \$300 million has been spent at the site and remaining work will require tens of millions of dollars to complete and will take time.

## WEST LAKE LANDFILL, MISSOURI

**TOPIC:** Status of West Lake Landfill cleanup

### **TALKING POINTS:**

- Because of the attention this site deserves, it is on the list of Superfund Sites Targeted for Immediate, Intense Action developed by the Agency's Superfund Task Force.
- The PRPs are completing the necessary feasibility studies to support selection of a proposed cleanup option for radiologically impacted material (RIM)-area soils. The EPA is coordinating with the US Army Corps of Engineers and state agencies to review these documents.
- Site data indicate that there are no current unacceptable human health exposures occurring off-site.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- The West Lake Landfill Superfund site in Bridgeton, MO, contains RIM from the Manhattan Project. Areas on the site where RIM is present are the focus of part of a larger Superfund site response. RIM is waste material from the processing of uranium ore and contains radionuclides including isotopes of uranium, thorium, and radium.
- The EPA is evaluating amending a 2008 Record of Decision (ROD), which will include evaluation of capping and full and partial RIM excavation alternatives with onsite and offsite disposal.
- The inactive Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill, adjacent to the West Lake site, is a permitted municipal waste landfill under state jurisdiction where a subsurface smoldering event was discovered in 2010. The subsurface reaction is continuing, at a distance of more than 700 feet from the RIM.
- The groundwater beneath the site is not currently used as a drinking water source and there are no known future plans for the groundwater to serve as such a source. A separate operable unit has been established to investigate the nature and extent of potential groundwater contamination.. The determination as to whether the groundwater warrants a cleanup will be done after approximately two years of monitoring data is collected.
- **Congressional Interest:** Legislation has been introduced to transfer cleanup duties from the EPA to the US Army Corps of Engineers' FUSRAP program. It was introduced last Congress and re-introduced this Congress by the MO members.
- **Funding:** The site is a PRP-lead funded site and it is anticipated that the FY 2018 President's Budget funding levels will not impact the site response. PRPs for this site include: Engineering Management Support Inc. (EMSI) on behalf of Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.), Bridgeton Landfill (Laidlaw Waste Systems), LLC, Rock Road Industries, Inc., Cotter Corporation, and and with funding provided by the United States Department of Energy.

## **SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS, TEXAS**

**TOPIC:** Status of San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

### **TALKING POINTS:**

- After careful review of all public comments and discussions with EPA staff, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site on October 11, 2017.
- The Selected Remedy is a final action for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site. It addresses site related unacceptable human health risks associated with consumption of fish and direct contact (skin contact and incidental ingestion) with the waste material. It also addresses site related ecological risks to bottom-dwelling organisms (benthic invertebrates) from exposure to sediment and waste material.
- The overall strategy for addressing contamination at the site includes excavation and off-site disposal of source materials and contaminated soils from impoundments in and adjacent to the San Jacinto River. Institutional Controls will be used to prevent disturbance (e.g., dredging, anchoring, construction, and excavation) of the remediated areas where materials remain in place that exceed cleanup goals for unrestricted use and to alert future property owners. Monitored natural recovery will be used for sediment in the sand separation area to ensure remedy protectiveness in the aquatic environment.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Federal, State and Harris County agencies, and local officials held a Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site on Monday, December 4, 2017 to discuss the Record of Decision (ROD) selected remedy; future activities; river channel stabilization work; and timetables.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- The San Jacinto River Waste Pits site consists of impoundments dug near the San Jacinto River in the 1960s to hold toxic waste from a paper mill. EPA added the site to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites on April 18, 2008, after testing revealed contamination from dioxins and furans near the waste pits.
- A temporary armored cap was installed over the northern impoundments in 2011 to prevent direct contact with the paper mill waste material and to prevent further releases to the San Jacinto River until a permanent remedy is implemented.
- The EPA is the lead agency for addressing the site and cleaning up the contamination, with support from several state partners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Congressional Interest: The San Jacinto River Waste Pits site is located in Harris County, Texas.

## **SHAFFER EQUIPMENT SITE MINDEN, WV**

### **Issue:**

- The local and national media have been interested in the results of the sampling for the Shaffer Equipment Site. A local citizen group, Headwaters Defense, and a local doctor, who died but is now replaced by his daughter (who is also a local practicing physician), have been publicizing the cancer rate in the community and attributing cancers in the community to contamination from the site. The primary contamination concern at the site are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Headwater Defense has enlisted the help of Erin Brockovich and Lois Gibbs, both nationally known environmentalists.
- Oak Hill, a nearby town, is currently planning a sewer extension project for Minden that would run near the former Shaffer Site. Headwaters Defense is also mobilized against the extension of the sewer line, which they claim will act as a conduit for spreading the site contamination.

### **Background:**

- From 1970 to 1984, the Shaffer Equipment Company, located in Minden, WV, built electrical substations for the local coal mining industry. The substations incorporated various types of transformers, capacitors, switches, and related voltage regulation and distribution devices. Oil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) was used in the electrical transformers and other equipment. The Shaffer Equipment Company stored nonessential, damaged or outdated transformers and capacitors on the site property.
- The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) inspected the site in September 1984 and found several hundred transformers and capacitors on the site. Analysis of a composite surface soil sample and a grab soil/sediment sample from a site drainage ditch to Arbuckle Creek indicated elevated levels of PCBs in the material.
- At the request of WVDNR, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) investigated the site and subsequently performed two contaminated soil removal actions. The first removal action was performed from December 1984 through December 1987. EPA also performed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) in 1986, a preliminary Hazard Ranking Score (HRS) package in 1989, and a Site Investigation (SI) in 1990. Apparently, there was still a heightened concern about site conditions, and a second removal action was conducted from November 1990 through January 1991.
- In 1997, the USEPA was notified that an act of vandalism at the site had caused a fire at the remaining building that contained materials with PCBs. The USEPA conducted another assessment and contracted the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) to design a cap for the remaining contaminated soils and building debris. The USACOE completed the construction of the cap in 2002. A Site Reassessment was conducted in 2004. In 2004, the status was changed to "Referred to Removal - More SA assessment needed" and reflected the ongoing removal action that was completed roughly in 2007.

### **Current Status:**

- In early 2017, and in response to concerns about flooding in the area and whether the contamination capped at the site had not migrated, residents contacted WVDEP and USEPA to express their continued concern about the potential migration of contamination from the Shaffer Equipment Company Site into the surrounding area.
- EPA Region 3 assessed the Shaffer Equipment Site and the surrounding area in Minden, WV. In March 2017, representatives from Site Assessment, Removal, and Community Involvement

conducted a public meeting to address the concerns of the residents. Site Assessment collaborated to develop a sampling plan which ensured that the data collected could be used to determine eligibility for consideration for the National Priorities List (NPL), if necessary. In June 2017, samples were collected from groundwater and soil as well as sediments and surface water from the Arbuckle Creek. These samples were collected to assess potential threats resulting from contamination at the Shaffer Equip Co site, most notably polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

- EPA's sampling so far shows only two locations in residential areas with PCBs at concentrations slightly above 1 ppm. The other 32 soil samples were below 1 ppm. Sample results from the June sampling were provided to residents, and a public availability session held by EPA was not well received.
- EPA will be conducting additional sampling in residential areas to determine if contamination of residential property is widespread and if it poses an unacceptable risk. All sampling results will be reviewed by both Removal and Site Assessment to determine if the sites are eligible for removal actions and/or listing on the NPL.
- ATSDR participated and citizens were very concerned about the inconclusive determinations about the alleged "cancer cluster," that can't be definitely linked to the contaminant of concern - PCBs. Sample results are available at:  
[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=12080](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=12080).

#### **ATSDR Involvement:**

- The CDC declared the site an imminent threat to public health in 1984, and ATSDR began an extensive historical involvement at this site in 1989 at the request of the state health department. ATSDR published a review of environmental sampling and health outcome data for this community in a 1993 Public Health Assessment; an addendum to this document was published in 1994. In 2017, due to resurgent community concerns, EPA Region 3 initiated a new effort to evaluate current conditions at this site and requested ATSDR's health education support.
- PCBs are persistent in the environment and biota can accumulate PCBs through contaminated water, sediment, and prey. PCBs tend to accumulate in the non-edible portions of fish and in the fat of fish and turtles. West Virginia currently does not have a fish consumption advisory specifically for Arbuckle Creek. West Virginia has a general statewide fish consumption advisory for PCBs.
- At this time, ATSDR does not plan to conduct a health study. Information on current environmental exposures is limited, and information on past exposures via biomonitoring did not indicate differences in PCB levels in members of this community relative to other people in the U.S. However, ATSDR will continue discussions with agency partners about future activities in the community. In response to the current concerns about cancer, the state health department has conducted special reviews of cancer registry statistics for this community, and shared this information at EPA's October 2017 public meetings for this site.

#### **Concho Landfill:**

- Residents attribute their health problems to various sources and past activities in or near Minden, WV, one of which is the Concho Landfill. This Site is a dump located in a ravine which drains into Arbuckle Creek downstream of Minden. EPA took samples of surface water and sediment within the drainage ravine and from soils within the footprint of the dump. The surface water and sediment results show low levels of contaminants. EPA is currently waiting for analytical results of the soil samples. Once all the samples are received, EPA will organize the data for presentation, which will include a description of necessary future activities if the contaminant levels pose an unacceptable risk.



## SAINT GOBAIN-PERFORMANCE PLASTICS SITE HOOSICK FALLS, NY

### Background:

- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) is a man-made chemical that is toxic and persistent in the environment. It is used as in a variety of products, such as fire-fighting foams, coating additives and cleaning products.
- The McCaffrey Street facility, located in Hoosick Falls, NY, was built in 1961 and had been used to manufacture circuit board laminates, polytetrafluoroethylene-coated fiberglass and other products. In 1999, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics purchased the facility and began operations there, using PFOA in its manufacturing process.
- In November 2015, based on the presence of elevated concentrations of PFOA in the Village of Hoosick Falls' public drinking water supply, EPA recommended that people not drink the water from it or use it for cooking. Subsequently, the State of New York implemented an aggressive plan to address PFOA contamination in the Hoosick Falls area, which included, among other things, the provision of bottled water, installation of a temporary municipal filtration system, installation of private residential water filtration systems, and the installation of a permanent municipal treatment system.
- In September 2016, EPA proposed the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site, located at 14 McCaffrey Street, to the National Priorities List (NPL). The proposed listing was consistent with New York State's January 2016 request to EPA to list the site. The Saint Gobain-Performance Plastics Site was listed on the NPL on August 3, 2017.
- On July 26, 2017, the Region met with the Hoosick Falls mayor, town supervisor, and the town/village attorneys and provided an update on the NPL listing and status of the site.
- On August 23, 2017, Region 2 program and public affairs staff reached out to the mayor and town supervisor of Hoosick Falls to let them know that NYSDEC would be the lead for the project and that EPA and NYSDEC would schedule a discussion on technical and community outreach aspects of the project. The mayor and supervisor thought that it would be helpful to have a small group discussion about next steps after EPA and NYSDEC have met; EPA agreed. Region 2 staff and NYSDEC met in late September to discuss citizen participation support, and in early October had follow-up discussions with the mayor and supervisor.

### Current Status:

- Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Honeywell International are currently performing a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) of the McCaffrey Street facility pursuant to an enforcement agreement with NYSDEC.
- EPA is providing support to the State in the performance of the RI/FS. The State also required the responsible party to prepare a report of options for sourcing the water for the public water supply; the State hopes to release a draft of that report in the February/March timeframe.
- During the late summer of 2017, NYSDEC learned that Saint-Gobain had started using GenX as a substitute for PFOA within the past decade. On January 18, 2018, the New York State Department of Health collected samples of the raw water intake and the finished water from the Hoosick Falls municipal treatment system to determine whether GenX, as well as 26 PFAS compounds, are present. On the same day, New York State collected samples from four Saint Gobain site groundwater monitoring wells for the same purpose; Saint Gobain also collected samples for GenX analysis at that time. The Village of Hoosick Falls and Rensselaer County recently revealed the results of their sampling of the public water supply for GenX; the sample results were non-detect.

January 24, 2018

Message

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 3/12/2018 1:25:35 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

Roger that.

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

I'll have to get back to you. Cosmo will be calling him. We are concerned about this.

**KAREN MELVIN, DIRECTOR**  
**HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP DIVISION**  
**US EPA, REGION 3**  
**1650 ARCH STREET**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103**  
**215-814-3275**

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 8:41 AM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

FYI –  
Kell's current itinerary for Minden. We'll be changing it to have him driving to Minden from DC. But I wanted to make sure this was the correct hotel that everyone is staying at.

Thanks  
Nick

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**From:** Willis, Sharnett  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 5:54 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

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**From:** EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM [mailto:EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 5:53 PM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

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### Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

Traveler					
KELLY / ALBERT C					
Reference number by traveler: Not Applicable					
Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
03/16/2018	DCA-CRW	AA 5128*	Confirmed	09:07 AM/10:32 AM	Economy / G
03/16/2018	CRW	Enterprise Rent A Car	Confirmed	03/16-03/17	Compact 2/4 Door
03/16/2018	BKW	Comfort Inn New River	Confirmed	03/16-03/17	
03/17/2018	CRW-CLT	AA 5233*	Confirmed	04:00 PM/05:26 PM	Economy / G
03/17/2018	CLT-DCA	AA 856	Confirmed	08:40 PM/10:15 PM	Economy / G

### AIR - Friday, March 16 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

American Airlines Flight AA5128 Economy		
Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 09:07 AM Friday, March 16 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
Arrive:	Yeager Charleston, West Virginia, United States 10:32 AM Friday, March 16 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 25 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK	
Equipment:	Canadair Regional Jet	
*Operated By:	Psa Airlines As American Eagle	
Seat:	09F (Non smoking, Window) Confirmed	
Distance:	248 miles / 399.032 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	136.4 lbs/62 kgs	

### CAR - Friday, March 16 2018

Enterprise Rent A Car	
Pick Up:	Yeager Arpt Terminal 171 Airport Road Charleston 25311-1056, WV, United States; Tel: +1 (304) 344-2660 10:32 AM Friday, March 16 2018
Drop Off:	Yeager Arpt Terminal 171 Airport Road Charleston 25311-1056, WV, United States; Tel: +1 (304) 344-2660 04:00 PM Saturday, March 17 2018
Type:	Compact Car Auto AC
Status:	Confirmed
Daily Rate:	USD 28.00
Extra Day Fee:	USD 66.00
Extra Day Allowance:	Unlimited Free Miles Per Extra Day
Extra Hour Fee:	USD 5.00
Extra Hour Allowance:	Unlimited Free Miles Per Extra Hour
Mileage Allowance:	Unlimited Free Miles
Estimated Total:	USD 86.73 plus tax and any additional fees
Confirmation:	1037104517COUNT
Corp. Discount:	XXXXYEP
CO2 Emissions:	Each gallon of unleaded gasoline consumed is 19.6 lbs/8.91 kgs and litre of petrol is 5 lbs/2.31 kgs

### HOTEL - Friday, March 16 2018

Comfort Inn New River	
Address:	801 Mall Road Oak Hill, WV 25901 <a href="#">United States</a>
Tel:	+1 (304) 574-8096
Fax:	+1 (304) 465-0017
Check In/Check Out:	Friday, March 16 2018 - Saturday, March 17 2018
Status:	Confirmed

<b>Number of Persons:</b>	1
<b>Number of Rooms:</b>	1
<b>Number of Nights:</b>	1
<b>Rate per night:</b>	USD 65.00 plus tax and any additional fees
<b>Guaranteed:</b>	Yes
<b>Confirmation:</b>	68066813
<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>	CANCEL BY 4 PM LOCAL HTL TIME DOA
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	Per night is approximately 63.8 lbs/29 kgs

#### AIR - Saturday, March 17 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

American Airlines Flight AA5233 Economy		
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<b>Arrive:</b>	Charlotte Douglas Intl Charlotte, North Carolina, United States 05:26 PM Saturday, March 17 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Duration:</b>	1 hour(s) and 26 minute(s) Non-stop	
<b>Status:</b>	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK	
<b>Equipment:</b>	Canadair Regional Jet 700	
<b>*Operated By:</b>	Psa Airlines As American Eagle	
<b>Seat:</b>	20C (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed	
<b>Distance:</b>	221 miles / 355.589 kilometers	
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	121.55 lbs/55.25 kgs	

#### AIR - Saturday, March 17 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

American Airlines Flight AA856 Economy		
<b>Depart:</b>	Charlotte Douglas Intl Charlotte, North Carolina, United States 08:40 PM Saturday, March 17 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Arrive:</b>	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 10:15 PM Saturday, March 17 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Duration:</b>	1 hour(s) and 35 minute(s) Non-stop	
<b>Total duration:</b>	6 hour(s) and 15 minute(s) including layover(s)	
<b>Status:</b>	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK	
<b>Equipment:</b>	Airbus Industrie A320	
<b>Seat:</b>	Assigned at Check-in	
<b>Distance:</b>	331 miles / 532.579 kilometers	
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	145.64 lbs/66.2 kgs	
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**To:** Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Background on sites for Lois Gibbs meeting  
**Attachments:** image2018-01-24-064141.pdf

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:15 AM  
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**Cc:** Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Background on sites for Lois Gibbs meeting

see attached

Minden, WV  
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Newsom Brothers/Old Reichhold Chemicals, Columbia, MS  
Tar Creek, OK  
West Lake Landfill, MO  
San Jacinto River Waste Pits, TX

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**To:** Davis, Gail [Davis.Gail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Kell Travel to Minden, WV

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Kell Travel to Minden, WV

Kell will be heading to Minden, WV on March 16/17 for public meetings.

Minden is difficult to get to and any flights to the closest airport (an hour away) don't work with the meeting schedules. Only option is for him to drive.

So...

He'll need a rental car Friday March 16 and returning on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Desirable pick up would be Union Station.  
Hotel: Comfort Inn (New River) at 801 Mall Road, Oak Hill WV 25901

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**To:** Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Can we do the call on Thursday in person?

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2018, at 4:35 PM, Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)> wrote:

Just talked to Kell. He is fine meeting with Denise Bode on Thursday from 2-3. He is not going to Minden until April 9. He said he's taken care of his travel arrangements.

Be good!  
V.

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:28 PM  
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Can we do the call on Thursday in person?

Just got out of a meeting. Heading to site now.  
13 of us piled into a very nice sheriff's van.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2018, at 3:24 PM, Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)> wrote:

I will ask him as soon as I see him. He's in with the Administrator.

How is Mississippi?

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:23 PM  
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Can we do the call on Thursday in person?

Thanks. She wants to come in person; need to confirm with Kell

And do you know if he's going to Minden or not?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2018, at 3:21 PM, Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)> wrote:

2-3 on Thursday.  
V.



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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Can we do the call on Thursday in person?

Can you look in Kell's schedule and see what time I booked this for on Thursday?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Bode, Denise A (53804)" <[dabode@michaelbeststrategies.com](mailto:dabode@michaelbeststrategies.com)>  
**Date:** March 13, 2018 at 2:48:14 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
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**Sent:** 1/22/2018 4:48:00 PM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Attendees for meeting with EPA Superfund Program

Perfect. Thanks.

Have I sent you directions as to how to enter our building? Also, please plan on arriving 10-15 minutes early to get through our security. If at all possible, we'll like the meeting to start as close to on time as we can.

Thanks!

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**From:** Lois Gibbs [mailto:lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 11:42 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
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She will be taking notes only.

Sent from my iPhone

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Lois –

Quick question on Abby Lyn Peterson. You mention she'll be a recorder. Can you clarify the recording aspect? While everyone is more than welcome to take notes, our press shop, and potentially lawyers, might have an issue with any audio or visual recordings.

Thanks  
Nick

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**Superfund Meeting Attendees January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Yvette Arellano**, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Service, Houston, TX  
**Rosanne Barone**, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Houston TX  
**Dawn Marie Chapman**, Just Moms STL, Maryland Heights, MO  
**Andrew Dobbs**, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Austin, TX  
**Lois Gibbs**, CHEJ, Falls Church, VA  
**Susie Jenkins**, Headwater Defense, Minden, WV  
**Rebecca Frayser Jim**, Local Environmental Action Demanded, Vinita, OK  
**Dr. Charlotte L. Keys**, Jesus People Against Pollution, Columbia, MS  
**Stephen Lester**, CHEJ, Falls Church, VA  
**Karen Marie Nickel**, Just Moms STL, Maryland Heights, MO  
**Abby Lyn Peterson**, CHEJ Intern (recorder), Falls Church, VA

**Anne Rabe**, United Neighbors Concerned About GE Dewey Loeffel Landfill, Hoosick Falls Support Network, Hoosick Falls, NY

**Brandon Richardson**, Headwater Defense, Minden, WV

**Lee Ann Smith**, POWER Action Group, Arden, NC

**Jacquelyn Elizabeth Young**, Texas Health and Environment Alliance (and) San Jacinto River Coalition, TX

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**Sent:** 3/20/2018 8:20:15 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Just left a VM.  
Call my cell (202) 760-0581

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 20, 2018, at 3:12 PM, Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Sure! If it's in the next 15 minutes!  
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> Karen Melvin, Director  
> Hazardous Site Cleanup Division  
> US EPA, Region 3  
> 1650 Arch Street  
> Philadelphia, PA 19103  
> 215-814-3275  
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**To:** Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]  
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**Attachments:** Interview Key Messaging MInden.docx; ATT00001.htm

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**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:25:33 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Kell has Requested a Briefing

Hi Nick,  
Hope you've been well. I believe you are at ECOS, but in case you are checking email I'm circling back on the Bonita Peak briefing. Did you want this to come from our calendar or Kell's calendar? I'm happy to have it come from our end if easier. If not, would you please add Barry and Steven to the invite.

Talk soon,  
Nick

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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 11:59 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Woolford, James <[Woolford.James@epa.gov](mailto:Woolford.James@epa.gov)>; Stalcup, Dana <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)>; Wallace-Wilson, Barbara <[Wallace-Wilson.Barbara@epa.gov](mailto:Wallace-Wilson.Barbara@epa.gov)>; Gartner, Lois <[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov)>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov](mailto:Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov)>  
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Thank you.

Michelle

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**Subject:** Minden  
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What Christian and Aaron are preparing for the administrator.

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**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Sorry—this is the version you want.

*Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
O: (202) 564-4828*

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**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
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Falvo,

Thanks for this. Attached is my initial run at the memo... It appears to me that I need some more info re. the Sewer Line and perhaps financial interests related to the rapids. If you could let me know where I am missing needed info that would be great.

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**Meeting with  
Congressman David McKinley (WV-01)  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM**

**Main Topics of Discussion:**

- Minden Contaminated Site

**Background:**

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**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

That's a question I'm not properly educated to answer.

I'm not sure what would cause the elevated cancer.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 6:33 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

So how do we explain the cancer cases there?

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2018, at 5:32 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

What Christian and Aaron are preparing for the administrator.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rodrick, Christian" <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 4:45:21 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Sorry—this is the version you want.

*Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Falvo,

Thanks for this. Attached is my initial run at the memo... It appears to me that I need some more info re. the Sewer Line and perhaps financial interests related to the rapids. If you could let me know where I am missing needed info that would be great.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
O: (202) 564-4828

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MInden.docx

Sorry guys, I'm having a hard time connecting to my outlook. Forwarding what Cos sent me without really being able to edit it.

Other notes:

With the current sampling data, there is no available action under the removal program. There will be additional testing on the full site assessment to see if the site can be ranked for the NPL.

Additional tour with Cosmo and Kell on April 9/10. Full site tour, meetings, etc.

there was a community meeting last Friday/Saturday.

Gov Justice has been very supportive.

R3 is compiling other programs that might be of assistance to the community, such as an EJ grant (while not assuring they'll get the money).

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Servidio, Cosmo" <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:04:31 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** MInden.docx

<3\_22\_18 McKinley Minden memo V1.docx>

Message

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 3/29/2018 8:22:07 PM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Need purpose for all the trips

April 3/4 – Attend meetings in Regional office regarding Bonita Peak Mining District

April 5/6 – Attend community meeting regarding Minden, WV site

April 7 to Chicago – Attend community meeting regarding East Chicago/USS Site

April 7-11: Visit various superfund sites and community meetings in Montana

April 16-18: Regional Administrators meeting in Chicago

April 24-26: Attend ASTSWMO spring meetings

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**From:** Willis, Sharnett  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 4:18 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Need purpose for all the trips

Message

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 10:46:36 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

215-814-3165.

Thanks

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 6:46 AM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Sure. Number?

I'm out of the office but can call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2018, at 6:01 AM, Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov> wrote:

If you have a minute early today, or around noon, please give me a call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2018, at 8:50 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

Please keep us posted.

Kell and I are driving down, so I for us, an agency only meeting would be preferred in Oak Hill since Charleston is an hour in the other direction. But I'm sure Kell will say not to schedule things around us and we'll adjust.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2018, at 8:02 PM, Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov> wrote:

There may be a change to the agenda for the Minden trip. I'll let you know soonest. The State Senator May prefer the Thursday evening meeting with residents and the health folks with DEP/EPA. We do want locals taking the lead on the health issue. If that's the case, we will have an agency only meeting on Friday morning in Charleston, making overnighing in Charleston preferable to Oak Hill.

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2018, at 3:08 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Jennifer.

I'll be traveling with Kell on the trip. We'll be renting a car and driving the 5+ hours from DC, so we'll probably be arriving into Minden around the same time as Cos. Do you have any information on hotels?

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer <[fields.jenifer@epa.gov](mailto:fields.jenifer@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Thank you Jenifer. This will work

Albert Kelly  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
202 306 8830

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>; Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Minden

Kell,

Good Afternoon. My name is Jenifer Fields and I serve as Cosmo's Chief of Staff. Cosmo has asked me to coordinate the plans for next week's visit to Minden. The plans have shifted slightly from the preliminary plan Cosmo shared with you.

Cosmo's flight into Charleston on April 5<sup>th</sup> arrives late afternoon (earliest available). We are coordinating with State Senator Baldwin who has offered to take the lead in hosting an evening meeting between State Health officials, DEP, EPA and legislators. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange a community health event, and to collaborate on federal, state and local resources/programs in support of that event.

The following morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, could be used as an opportunity for you both to drive through the community and meet with a few residents one-on-one. It could also be an opportunity to mention the coordination of a *Wellness Outreach and Resource Open House* later in the Spring. The advantage of meeting with residents after the coordination meeting is that we could message on forward progress: We heard you clearly at the public meetings. Health is a big concern. While we continue to work on the site investigation, we will also work with local officials to facilitate coordination among a broader group of agencies with responsibilities for public health.

For the health event itself, tentatively proposed for late April, we would be asking the health agency to conduct a survey of the residents, in advance, to inform the event planners. This would give all of the residents equal standing in their needs, and be a more complete assessment than the information gathered at the public meeting, in which not everyone attended/participated. The proposed event could then be tailored, based on the survey results and input from support agencies, to include programs that are geared to either limiting unhealthy exposure, or improving health in this community. This event will support the introduction and participation of health agencies that may have had limited to no involvement in Minden to date.

As far as the site investigation, following the public meetings March 16-17, we began additional sampling in the area, which included the Shaffer site, private residences and the Arbuckle Creek. These results are expected back mid-June. We are also coordinating further sampling areas with WV DEP. We can anticipate another public meeting once all results are back. Once we are satisfied with site assessment sampling, the data will be used for HRS purposes.

We will forward a final agenda, once coordination is complete. Below is the draft.

## **Draft Agenda- Minden**

**April 5**

**Arrival:** 4-5pm

**Meeting: 7 pm**

Location- TBD (Greater Oak Hill Area)

Attendees- Legislators, DEP, EPA, Health Officials

Purpose -Coordinate a Wellness Outreach and Resource Open House

Hotel in Oak Hill overnight

**April 6**

**Minden On-site:**

Visit with residents and time permitting, tour landmarks:

Shaffer Equipment Company Site

The Cap

Decommissioned Minden water treatment site

Oak Hill Sewer Line Project

Arbuckle Creek

**Depart for Airport: 10 am**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jen

Jenifer Fields, Chief of Staff  
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Message

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 5:46:33 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Trip to Minden WV April 5-6

Nick- Actually, if you guys are not coming to the Friday am meeting, I will give you a different hotel that would be more on your way back.

Jen

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Trip to Minden WV April 5-6

Hi Nick/Sharnett,

At the moment, it looks like the Friday meeting will be at the BOH offices in Charlestown. This means driving from Oak Hill to Charleston after the meeting ends at 9pm or so on Thursday, and staying at the Marriott. The meeting on Friday will be an agency only meeting (DEP/EPA/BOH) to lay some bricks of the foundation of the wellness event tentatively in late Spring.

I don't think Kell needs to be at that planning meeting on Friday. If he doesn't want to be at the meeting, he can overnight in Oak Hill (where the Thursday night meeting will be) and head back in the am, and Cos can handle the planning meeting. Cos will be travelling to and staying at the Marriott Thursday night.

The hotel in Oak Hill is the Comfort Inn, 801 Mall Rd, Oak Hill, WV 25901.

The Marriott in Charleston is 200 Lee St E, Charleston, WV 25301

There are still ongoing conversations to firm up the details of both meetings that I hope to have by COB today.

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Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 12:03:26 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Minden visit - community is very excited

Albert Kelly  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
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Washington, DC 20460  
202 306 8830

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**From:** Lois Gibbs [mailto:lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:49 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden visit - community is very excited

So my understanding is there is a lot of negative history with the regional folks which set the stage for a nonproductive meeting outcome. There was also disagreement on the agenda, where local folks wanted to speak first so that there was a common understanding of the situation. The regional people objected to that which got everyone off on the wrong foot. Eventually locals did speak first but it was now a very tense environment. Also the politicians were grand standing when it wasn't really helpful.

So my suggestion is that you let the local people speak at the beginning of the meeting. Let them tell you what they are most concerned about and you can then respond in a way that you are comfortable with or can commit to. Keep the regional people from dominating as well as the politicians and other agency representatives. You run meeting with the leadership from the community. Local folks want to explain the situation as they see it and ask you for help. They have spent decades with regional folks, health departments, DEP and others with no positive results. You may not be able to give them what they want either but they at least want to have a honest opportunity to make their case and ask you directly.

I'd be happy to chat with you if you'd like tomorrow.

Lois

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs  
**Subject:** Re: Minden visit - community is very excited

I go to East Chicago Saturday and Hoosick Falls I think next Friday so trying to keep my pledges. I don't want to replay the public meeting in Minden that already happened. How would you suggest I intersect most effectively?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 7:56 PM, Lois Gibbs <lgibbs@chej.org> wrote:

I just spoke to the folks from Minden Community Action Team that are excited that you are coming on Thursday. They were so disappointed that you were not able to attend in March. I know there's been some drama from the regional offices but regional folks are very territorial about their sites. That said, the region has left this site in limbo for decades.

The group has arranged the Community Center for the meeting 179 McKinney Road. I wish I could attend but I'm traveling to New Hampshire Thursday. If you need any insight to what's going on please let me know and I can see if I can answer any questions you have.

Thanks for caring and meeting with the community.

Lois

Lois Marie Gibbs, Ph.D.

Message

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 11:21:37 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Shaffer investigation in WV  
**Attachments:** Minden April Bullets fb JB comments.docx; ATT00001.htm

Update.

## Minden April Bullets

- EPA, in conjunction with DEP, is gathering the necessary information to develop what will now be the "Arbuckle Creek Area" HRS package.
- On March 18 and 19, EPA sought access from residents, as well as solicited information for use in the HRS scoring (i.e., # residents living in each household, anyone fishing/catching other animals in the creek anyone catching and eating fish or other aquatic life such as turtles or crawfish).
- On March 20<sup>th</sup>, sampling occurred from Arbuckle Creek, as well as soil samples taken from residences and from the facility-former Shaffer Equipment Co. property. Preliminary results are expected in mid-April, with validated results anticipated for mid-June.

## Samples Summary

- 18 residential properties were sampled (total 323 samples; 1-3 samples/property),
- 6 sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek,
- 12-9 on-site (Shaffer facility)-soil samples collected on the former Shaffer Equipment Co. property - 5 from the former removal excavated areas, 24 along the perimeter of the cap and 13 upgradient from the site-including the area where there was a 54 ppm hit of PCBs former removal area near a location that had been identified in a previous report as a disposal area.
- 1 soil sample from the power house area (potential PCB source area) located ¾ miles downgradient from Shaffer.

## Timeline

- March 18 and 19 - collected access agreements, performing site recon, and collecting HRS information (i.e., # residents living in each household, anyone catching and eating fish or other aquatic life such as turtles or crawfish anyone fishing/catching other animals in the creek)
- March 20 - sampling event consisted of sediment samples taken from Arbuckle Creek, as well as soil samples taken from residences and from the site-former Shaffer Equipment Co. property itself.
- March 22 – samples shipped to lab
- April 13 – preliminary results expected (14 days)
- June 13 – validated data results expected (90 days)
- Summer 2018 – In collaboration with DEP, additional samples to be collected from other potential source areas suggested by residents.

## Removal Activity

- EPA and its contractors are in Minden this week to perform a survey of the cap, evaluating the type of vegetation, impacts to the cap that may have occurred, and impacts of recreational activity on the unsecured site cap.

- The survey will be used to develop the next steps and plan for the cap repairs.

Message

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 1:00:59 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Shaffer Equip Contact

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferrell, Mark" <Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 2:46:48 PM EDT  
**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "schafer, joan" <schafer.joan@epa.gov>, "Howell, Amie" <Howell.Amie@epa.gov>, "Swatts, Darriel" <Swatts.Darriel@epa.gov>, "Linden, Melissa" <linden.melissa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Shaffer Equip Contact

So, Brandon has spooked Sen. Baldwin and Terri Harlan at the Health Dept. They say now they're pulling the plug, they believe it will cause more harm than good. All this happened between the time it took me to get back to Charleston from Fayetteville. When I left Terri she was all excited and all lights were green.

I talked on the phone with Sen. Baldwin, he's dug in. I could try and get Health Dept to reconsider, but then we'd be picking a fight with the Senator.

Brandon just posted this on the Headwaters Defense FB page:

**"EPA is playing games. It is a day and a half before they are arriving and there still has been NO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED MEETING PLACE OR TIME. So we set the meeting time and location and told them today. Message me Kimberly Lilly, Annetta Coffman, and Susie-Worley-Jenkins for details."**

I still can't figure out why Sen. Baldwin didn't tell Brandon where and when the meeting was set. I made the Senator and Terri Harlan know that it was their meeting, their agenda, their invite list.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 2:32 PM, Swatts, Darriel <Swatts.Darriel@epa.gov> wrote:

He did not. He stated that he knew it was supposed to be happening this week; but, didn't know when or where. He also emphasized that he thinks that the meeting should be held in Minden at the community center. He supposedly spoke with Senator Baldwin and was told by Senator Baldwin that the meeting location wasn't set yet and the community center was an option.

V/R,  
Darriel Swatts, Community Involvement Coordinator  
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"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." - John Muir

On Apr 3, 2018, at 14:25, schaffer, joan <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Darriel – thank you.

Did he say how he heard about the EPA visit?

Joan T. Schafer, Senior Advisor  
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Region 3 Office of Communications and Government Relations  
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215-814-5143 (ph)  
215-814-5102

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**From:** Swatts, Darriel

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 2:25 PM

**To:** schaffer, joan <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Ferrell, Mark <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>; Howell, Amie <[Howell.Amie@epa.gov](mailto:Howell.Amie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Shaffer Equip Contact

I've been in touch with Brandon a couple times now. Yes, I provided Marks contact information.

V/R,

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On Apr 3, 2018, at 14:23, schaffer, joan <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Darriel.

You provided Mark's contact information?

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**From:** Swatts, Darriel

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 11:08 AM

**To:** Ferrell, Mark <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>; schaffer, joan <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Howell, Amie <[Howell.Amie@epa.gov](mailto:Howell.Amie@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Shaffer Equip Contact

Good morning,

Just wanted to let you know that Brandon Richardson with Headwaters Defense left me a message yesterday inquiring about Cosmo's travel to Minden this week. He wanted to know when and where everything was going to take place. I forwarded the contact information that Mark provided in a voicemail to Brandon today and stated that I wasn't directly involved in this event and have limited information. Also, in Brandon's message, he requested that if there were to be a meeting, that it'd take place in the town community center.

V/R,  
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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 11:19:56 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: social media posts

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferrell, Mark" <Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 7:18:36 PM EDT  
**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>, "Libertz, Catherine" <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>, "schafer, joan" <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** social media posts



Annetta Coffman  
April 2 at 12:28pm

Albert Kelly, head of Superfund will be in Minden This Thurs and Friday to meet with the residents of Minden. This is IMPORTANT. This may be our only chance to present why we need relocated. Anyone from Minden who is willing to speak before him please let me know. It's time we stand up for ourselves and the ones who have lost their lives from Minden. Everyone from Minden has lost someone due to cancer here, some more than 1. Our children are now suffering and in 30 more yrs they will be fighting still if NOTHING is done now

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**Brandon Richardson**

Admin · · 2 hrs

Chance of a lifetime for Minden community voices!

**Britt Huerta**  
Yesterday at 2:01pm ·



**"The damn EPA couldn't organize ants around a**

# lollipop."

## -Brandon Richardson



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Justin Raines But they'd do everything they could to prevent the ants from organizing themselves.

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Brandon Richardson Preach! 🙌 Literally our current situation in Minden RN

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Brandon Richardson BUT it didn't work because we just decided to take over the whole event

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Justin Raines It always makes me feel warm and fuzzy when you all are like "Hey, nope, this is our town, and here's how this is going to work."

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Liz Kammeyer Can just hear him sayin' this.

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Janet Lee DeHart Swift Brandon Richardson - really. 😊👍.

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 1:15:02 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: BR

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "schafer, joan" <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 9:10:22 PM EDT  
**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** BR

Jen –

Below is some information about BR.

Also in talking with Melissa, it is interesting to note that she said since people heard KK was coming to town, signs went up in every yard on Tuesday printed with..."PCBs Kills Communities."

(There were some signs up along the road right before the public meetings...but new signs have gone up this week in yards due to the info shared that EPA is coming to town.)

**Brandon Richardson**

West Virginia University. Class of 2014 · Geology Major, · Morgantown, West Virginia.

**Oak Hill High.** Class of 2008 · **Oak Hill**, West Virginia.

Current City and Hometown. **Oak Hill**, West Virginia. Not a current resident of Minden; doubtful he ever was a resident.

Hometown is listed as Oak Hill, WV

Grandparents once lived in Minden, it is believed they no longer live there (may be deceased) but there could be family owned property in Minden.

He heads up the Headwaters Defense activist group.

Below is a description of some of the issues they fight for in Fayette County.

(They have set up a fund for people to donate to for causes in Fayette County...)

The Headwaters Defense Fund is an open-ended fundraising campaign to meet our organizational needs, our legal defense, and our independent water testing. We need your support!

**Headwaters Defense is a grassroots organization hard at work defending the water, health and rights of the citizens of Fayette County, West Virginia.** We are a community-based organization attempting to take a stand against toxic contamination and the corporate control of our government. We are an all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff, no organizational budget for meetings/events, and no money for legal counsel, water testing, or scientific experts. **In order to stand a chance against the well-funded oil and gas industry, we're gonna need your support!** Here's the breakdown of costs:

**I. Organizing Fund - \$4,000**

We are fundraising to support our grassroots organizing efforts. This includes door-knocking and leafleting in

frontlines communities, hosting meetings/informational sessions/rallies/demonstrations, and developing leadership among impacted community members. \$1000 would support our Printing Budget - \$300, Banners/Signs/Art Supplies Budget - \$200, Phone - \$300, and an Organizer Stipend (800/month) for 4 months - \$3,200.

## **2. Legal Defense Fund - \$3,000**

We are in the middle of a legal battle to defend Fayette County's Ban on Oil and Gas Waste. After passing the ordinance in January of 2016, the Fayette County Commission was taken to Federal Court by EQT Corporation and Danny Webb Construction. These corporations are attempting to get a Permanent Injunction placed on our ordinance, making it impossible for the Commission to enforce its ban on hazardous oil and gas waste disposal. We are preparing for the Permanent Injunction Hearing on April 22, 2016. The County is receiving pro-bono legal aid from Appalachian Mountain Advocates and Rist Law, but we do have other costs. Primarily, we need funding for Expert Witnesses to testify in court on our behalf. In order to present a strong case we need three Expert Witnesses who can testify about Injection Well Integrity, Endocrine Disruptor Chemicals, and the history of the Danny Webb Construction site. This funding would cover Speaking Fees at the court date - \$1800 (\$600/ea), Gas/Travel Reimbursements - \$600 (200/ea), and Hotel/Lodging Fees for the duration of the Trial - \$600 (200/ea)

## **3. Water Testing Fund - \$3,000**

Throughout Fayette County there have been numerous instances of water contamination caused by the coal, oil, gas industries. Hazardous waste poses a serious health risk to our community. We are particularly concerned about the health and safety of our children in the public schools. Currently, we are pressuring the Health Department to test the water at the Fayetteville Elementary School, where the water is visibly discolored and sedimented. Meanwhile, we are also attempting to fundraise for an independent, third-party testing of the Public School's drinking water. A Tier-III test (the most comprehensive test for a range of chemicals, heavy metals, and radioactivity) from Summit Laboratories (a reputable testing company based in Ohio) costs \$1500. We intend on starting by testing in two locations to start to get an accurate analysis of what is coming out of the taps in Fayetteville.

Thank you all for your help!

Our water is at stake. Together, we can keep it safe.

Joan T. Schafer, Senior Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 3 Office of Communications and Government Relations  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
215-814-5143 (ph)  
215-814-5102

Message

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**From:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/24/2018 1:28:41 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Shaffer Equipment ADR Support

Nick, here is some good information to share today at your meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.

**KAREN MELVIN, DIRECTOR  
HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP DIVISION  
US EPA, REGION 3  
1650 ARCH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103  
215-814-3275**

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo <servidio.cosmo@epa.gov>; Rodrigues, Cecil <rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Shaffer Equipment ADR Support

Cos and Cecil, I mentioned that we would be looking to engage the services of HQ's Conflict Resolution Group in our efforts at Minden. Here is some information about what the Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) facilitation support would entail for the Shaffer Equipment Site based on the draft Technical Directive (TD) we just received. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information. Cos, if you would want to share this with Kell, you certainly may.

- OLEM has agreed to provide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) contract support through CPRC for two early March 2018 Shaffer Equipment Site public meetings to share sampling results with the community. 63 hours has been proposed.
- Goals include:
  - Share sampling results with the affected community;
  - Ensure the community understands the sampling results and next steps in the Superfund process; and
  - Improve the trust between EPA and the affected community.
- Assistance from a neutral facilitator will include:
  - Engage in conversations with up to eight stakeholders (via phone and/or in person) to understand their perspectives and expectations prior to public meetings;
  - Provide recommendations to the Site team on process design for the meetings;
  - Work with Site team to develop meeting agendas and secure meeting space, if needed, based on feedback from community stakeholders; and
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**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting Tomorrow Night Social Media

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 9:26:48 PM EDT  
**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>, "Ferrell, Mark" <Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>, "Libertz, Catherine" <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>, "Melvin, Karen" <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>, "Linden, Melissa" <linden.melissa@epa.gov>, "Burns, Francis" <Burns.Fran@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting Tomorrow Night Social Media

Kimberly Lilly is with Butter Thomas and 48 others.

8 hrs ·

Reminder to all Minden residents and anyone who has friends or loved ones in Minden. Albert Kelly, the head of the superfund program with the EPA in DC, will be here tomorrow for a meeting at 6pm. We need EVERYONE willing to speak about why we need relocated and share our personal stories of how the PCBs have affected us, and how it still affects us. If you do not want to read your story, please tell us and one of us will do it for you. I can not stress how MAJORLY IMPORTANT this is. This is THE BEST SHOT we have at getting heard and getting relocated!!



Message

**From:** Concur [Travel@concursolutions.com]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 4:14:42 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

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**Thursday, April 05, 2018**



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Status: Confirmed  
Rate Code: TMDE

**Return: 06:00 PM Fri Apr 6**

Returning to: Washington US (DCA)

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Credit Card, Last four digits: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena [Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 10:26:24 AM  
**To:** Smoot, Nicole [Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]; Davis, Gail [Davis.Gail@epa.gov]; Jenkins, Juanita [jenkins.juanita@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance [McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION NEEDED Trip on Hold 04/05/2018 (Q544GO)

Thanks Nicole!

Helena Wooden-Aguilar  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-0792 (office)  
202-302-6846 (mobile)  
[wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov](mailto:wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov)

On Apr 5, 2018, at 6:02 AM, Smoot, Nicole <[Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov)> wrote:

Travel has been funded and approved

*"Committed to Service and People"*

***Nicole V. Smoot***

*Management Analyst  
Office of Administrative and Executive Services  
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Room: 2432G William Jefferson Clinton North  
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**From:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 3:21 AM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett <[Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov](mailto:Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Davis, Gail <[Davis.Gail@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Gail@epa.gov)>; Jenkins, Juanita <[jenkins.juanita@epa.gov](mailto:jenkins.juanita@epa.gov)>; Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>; McCluney, Lance <[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov](mailto:McCluney.Lance@epa.gov)>; Smoot, Nicole <[Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov)>  
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Sharnett- please check into this ASAP and email me when you have confirmed it is good to go. Thanks, Helena

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**Cc:** "Willis, Sharnett" <[Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov](mailto:Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov)>  
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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 1:53:33 PM  
**To:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**CC:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden Meeting Agenda

This does not appear to be a conversation but rather a repeat of the prior meeting

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2018, at 2:57 AM, Headwaters Defense <headwatersdefense@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>  
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>  
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> 304 640 4093  
>  
> Kimberly Lilly  
> 304 640 5249  
>  
> Annetta Coffman  
> 30 228 1145  
>  
> Thank you for taking your time to visit our community.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> -Brandon Richardson  
> <Albert Kelly Meeting Agenda 4 5 2018.pdf>

Message

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 6:57:07 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden Meeting Agenda  
**Attachments:** Albert Kelly Meeting Agenda 4 5 2018.pdf

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## **Minden Community Action Team**

### **Meeting With Special Guest Albert Kelly, Chair of the Superfund**

#### **April 5, 2018 Meeting AGENDA**

Facilitator: Kristy Gilkey

**6:00** Welcome

**6:05** Special Guest Albert Kelly and Staff Introduction

**6:20-7:30** Minden Community Voices

- Testimonies and presentations from between 10-20 community members
- The amount of time for each presentation depends on how many presenting residents can attend or be read by proxy.

**7:20-7:45** Open Floor

**7:45-9:00** EPA presentations, questions, plans moving forward. Open floor.

- This section of the agenda is perfect for any presentations EPA has prepared as well as community-agency dialogue.

**Meeting Adjourns at 9:00PM.**

**Announcement: Albert Kelly will be touring Minden tomorrow, Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.**



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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
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**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: WVNS-TV 59 - Beckley (4-5) EPA Superfund Task Force chairman to attend meeting in Minden

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**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>, "Libertz, Catherine" <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>  
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<http://www.wvnstv.com/local-news/fayette-county/epa-superfund-task-force-chairman-to-attend-meeting-in-minden/1102822766>

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**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: WVNS-TV 59 - Beckley (4-5) EPA Superfund Task Force chairman to attend meeting in Minden  
**Importance:** High

**Nancy Grantham**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:13 PM  
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**Importance:** High

FYI!

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**From:** Seneca, Roy  
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**Sent:** 4/5/2018 7:19:03 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Linden contact Info and directions

Melissa Linden's contact:

Cell phone: **Ex. 6**

[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)

“If Nick takes WV 19 South towards Oak Hill, it's the Main St./WV 16 exit. At the end of the exit ramp make a left. Then it's the next left past the entrance ramp of WV 19. It's Minden Rd/WV 17. Take Minden Rd. until there is a fork, where he will go left. The address of the community center is 179 McKinney Rd. In the iPhone map it will come up Fayetteville instead of Minden, WV.”

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 2:40:46 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Public meeting announcement in Minden  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0117.JPG; ATT00001.txt; IMG\_0118.JPG; ATT00002.txt

Nancy Grantham  
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-----Original Message-----

From: schaffer, joan  
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:34 AM  
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
Subject: FW: Public meeting announcement in Minden

Poster hanging in the Post Office about tonight's meeting and picture of the new signs placed in the yards in prep for the EPA visit tonight.  
FYI only.  
joan

-----Original Message-----

From: Linden, Melissa  
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:05 AM  
To: Burns, Francis <Burns.Fran@epa.gov>; Gross, Bonnie <Gross.bonnie@epa.gov>; Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>; schaffer, joan <schaffer.joan@epa.gov>  
Subject: Public meeting announcement in Minden

Attached is a picture of the announcement located on the front door of the post office in Minden. The first two lines that are not easily readable due to glare are "IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT". So, the meeting will be at the Minden Community Center tonight. The second picture is of the yellow signs that are in about 20 properties through the town of Minden that were placed on Tuesday (4/3)

# ANNOUNCEMENT

**Calling All Minden  
Community Members:**

(yes, this includes rockhounds, dog holler, and others)

**Albert Kelly,**

**Head of EPA Superfund,**

**Will be at the Minden Community  
Center**

**Thursday Evening**

**Will you?**

For More Information, Call

Kim Lilly: 304-640-5249





Message

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**From:** Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2018 9:47:26 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden TP re: Kell's Absence

**Importance:** High

As discussed, this is a listening session so TPs are only to explain Kell's absence. No site TPs are needed because EPA will not discuss the site at the meeting. Cannot close the meeting to the press and should have OSC sit by you.

- Senior Advisor Kell Kelly needed to stay in Washington to deal with critical matters there.
- Kell regrets being unable to attend the meeting and has committed to come to Minden the first part of May.
- Administrator Pruitt did not want to cancel the meeting given his concern for the people of Minden so we would like to have a listening session.
- We understand that you have serious concerns about the site and we want to hear from you.
- I will listen and take notes to take back with me to EPA. I will not answer questions but will take your questions and commit to responding promptly.
- Thank you for your understanding and let's get started please.

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Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/24/2018 1:37:17 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Breen, Barry [Breen.Barry@epa.gov]; Woolford, James [Woolford.James@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Lois Gibbs Meeting Draft Agenda and Meeting attendees

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2018, at 8:34 AM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Draft Agenda (as provided by Lois)

Welcome

Introductions

EPA Albert Kelly and others

CHEJ/Communities leaders at table: Name, Affiliation, City, State

People in the room but not at the table

3 minutes Overview of why we asked for the meeting – Lois Gibbs

50 minutes Leaders outline their concerns

2 minutes Summary comments – Lois

25 minutes EPA Questions, comments & closing

St. Louis women can't come because of a death in Dawn's family.

**Attendees January 24<sup>th</sup>**

From EPA: Barry Breen, Jim Woolford, Kell Kelly, Tate Bennett, Silvina Fonseca, Nancy Grantham, Nick Falvo, TBD

**Yvette Arellano**, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Service, Houston, TX

**Rosanne Barone**, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Houston TX

**Andrew Dobbs**, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Austin, TX

**Lois Gibbs**, CHEJ, Falls Church, VA

**Susie Jenkins**, Headwater Defense, Minden, WV

**Rebecca Frayser Jim**, Local Environmental Action Demanded, Vinita, OK

**Dr. Charlotte L. Keys**, Jesus People Against Pollution, Columbia, MS

**Stephen Lester**, CHEJ, Falls Church, VA

**Kimberly Lilly**, Minden, WV

**Abby Lyn Peterson**, CHEJ Intern (recorder\*), Falls Church, VA

**Anne Rabe**, United Neighbors Concerned About GE Dewey Loeffel Landfill, Hoosick Falls Support Network, Hoosick Falls, NY

**Brandon Richardson**, Headwater Defense, Minden, WV

**Lee Ann Smith**, POWER Action Group, Arden, NC

**Jacquelyn Elizabeth Young**, Texas Health and Environment Alliance (and) San Jacinto River Coalition, TX

\*I have verified with Lois that the recorder will be taking notes, no audio/visual recording

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2018 1:41:42 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Tweet from Reporter Kate Mishkin WV Gazette

Pretty funny eh?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 8:52 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

I did not say that!

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On Apr 5, 2018, at 8:50 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** "schafer, joan" <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 8:07:23 PM EDT  
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tweet from Reporter Kate Mishkin WV Gazette

In Minden, W.Va., the @EPA's point person for Superfund sites, Albert Kelly, was scheduled to visit but had to stay behind in D.C. to "battle the press," says an assistant sent in his stead.

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**From:** Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2018 2:35:32 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Technical Assistance Services for Communities Grants.

Sounds good. Call any time. Cell:

**Ex. 6**

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> On Apr 5, 2018, at 10:33 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

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> I'm doing a tour first thing but let's chat as I'm driving back.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 5, 2018, at 10:32 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Ok. Tomorrow AM work?

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>>> On Apr 5, 2018, at 10:19 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> I'm in Minden, WV. Would like to talk with you on a grant for out here.

>>> Something they can get before the site gets listed on NPL.

>>> Local OSC is Cc'ed

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>>> Thanks bud.

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/24/2018 2:03:15 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week  
**Attachments:** Minden\_Shaffer\_Fact Sheet\_1-24-18.docx; Saint Gobain 1-24-18 fact sheet.docx

Nick, any chance you can put together a package of all the fact sheets?

*Silvina Fonseca  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Desk: 202.564.1955  
Cell: 202.306.6844*

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**From:** Hilosky, Nick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:27 AM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Brooks, Becky <Brooks.Bekky@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week

Silvina – attached are the last two fact sheets (Hoosick Falls and Minden, WV) for the meeting with Lois Gibbs this afternoon.

Nick

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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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mobile: 202-368-0724

## **SHAFFER EQUIPMENT SITE MINDEN, WV**

### **Issue:**

- The local and national media have been interested in the results of the sampling for the Shaffer Equipment Site. A local citizen group, Headwaters Defense, and a local doctor, who died but is now replaced by his daughter (who is also a local practicing physician), have been publicizing the cancer rate in the community and attributing cancers in the community to contamination from the site. The primary contamination concern at the site are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Headwater Defense has enlisted the help of Erin Brockovich and Lois Gibbs, both nationally known environmentalists.
- Oak Hill, a nearby town, is currently planning a sewer extension project for Minden that would run near the former Shaffer Site. Headwaters Defense is also mobilized against the extension of the sewer line, which they claim will act as a conduit for spreading the site contamination.

### **Background:**

- From 1970 to 1984, the Shaffer Equipment Company, located in Minden, WV, built electrical substations for the local coal mining industry. The substations incorporated various types of transformers, capacitors, switches, and related voltage regulation and distribution devices. Oil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) was used in the electrical transformers and other equipment. The Shaffer Equipment Company stored nonessential, damaged or outdated transformers and capacitors on the site property.
- The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) inspected the site in September 1984 and found several hundred transformers and capacitors on the site. Analysis of a composite surface soil sample and a grab soil/sediment sample from a site drainage ditch to Arbuckle Creek indicated elevated levels of PCBs in the material.
- At the request of WVDNR, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) investigated the site and subsequently performed two contaminated soil removal actions. The first removal action was performed from December 1984 through December 1987. EPA also performed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) in 1986, a preliminary Hazard Ranking Score (HRS) package in 1989, and a Site Investigation (SI) in 1990. Apparently, there was still a heightened concern about site conditions, and a second removal action was conducted from November 1990 through January 1991.
- In 1997, the USEPA was notified that an act of vandalism at the site had caused a fire at the remaining building that contained materials with PCBs. The USEPA conducted another assessment and contracted the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) to design a cap for the remaining contaminated soils and building debris. The USACOE completed the construction of the cap in 2002. A Site Reassessment was conducted in 2004. In 2004, the status was changed to "Referred to Removal - More SA assessment needed" and reflected the ongoing removal action that was completed roughly in 2007.

### **Current Status:**

- In early 2017, and in response to concerns about flooding in the area and whether the contamination capped at the site had not migrated, residents contacted WVDEP and USEPA to express their continued concern about the potential migration of contamination from the Shaffer Equipment Company Site into the surrounding area.
- EPA Region 3 assessed the Shaffer Equipment Site and the surrounding area in Minden, WV. In March 2017, representatives from Site Assessment, Removal, and Community Involvement

conducted a public meeting to address the concerns of the residents. Site Assessment collaborated to develop a sampling plan which ensured that the data collected could be used to determine eligibility for consideration for the National Priorities List (NPL), if necessary. In June 2017, samples were collected from groundwater and soil as well as sediments and surface water from the Arbuckle Creek. These samples were collected to assess potential threats resulting from contamination at the Shaffer Equip Co site, most notably polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

- EPA's sampling so far shows only two locations in residential areas with PCBs at concentrations slightly above 1 ppm. The other 32 soil samples were below 1ppm. Sample results from the June sampling were provided to residents, and a public availability session held by EPA was not well received.
- EPA will be conducting additional sampling in residential areas to determine if contamination of residential property is widespread and if it poses an unacceptable risk. All sampling results will be reviewed by both Removal and Site Assessment to determine if the sites are eligible for removal actions and/or listing on the NPL.
- ATSDR participated and citizens were very concerned about the inconclusive determinations about the alleged "cancer cluster," that can't be definitely linked to the contaminant of concern - PCBs. Sample results are available at: [ [HYPERLINK "https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=12080" \]](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=12080) ].

#### **ATSDR Involvement:**

- The CDC declared the site an imminent threat to public health in 1984, and ATSDR began an extensive historical involvement at this site in 1989 at the request of the state health department. ATSDR published a review of environmental sampling and health outcome data for this community in a 1993 Public Health Assessment; an addendum to this document was published in 1994. In 2017, due to resurgent community concerns, EPA Region 3 initiated a new effort to evaluate current conditions at this site and requested ATSDR's health education support.
- PCBs are persistent in the environment and biota can accumulate PCBs through contaminated water, sediment, and prey. PCBs tend to accumulate in the non-edible portions of fish and in the fat of fish and turtles. West Virginia currently does not have a fish consumption advisory specifically for Arbuckle Creek. West Virginia has a general statewide fish consumption advisory for PCBs.
- At this time, ATSDR does not plan to conduct a health study. Information on current environmental exposures is limited, and information on past exposures via biomonitoring did not indicate differences in PCB levels in members of this community relative to other people in the U.S. However, ATSDR will continue discussions with agency partners about future activities in the community. In response to the current concerns about cancer, the state health department has conducted special reviews of cancer registry statistics for this community, and shared this information at EPA's October 2017 public meetings for this site.

#### **Concho Landfill:**

- Residents attribute their health problems to various sources and past activities in or near Minden, WV, one of which is the Concho Landfill. This Site is a dump located in a ravine which drains into Arbuckle Creek downstream of Minden. EPA took samples of surface water and sediment within the drainage ravine and from soils within the footprint of the dump. The surface water and sediment results show low levels of contaminants. EPA is currently waiting for analytical results of the soil samples. Once all the samples are received, EPA will organize the data for presentation, which will include a description of necessary future activities if the contaminant levels pose an unacceptable risk.



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**From:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2018 3:22:42 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA official takes comments at hearing in Minden | News | wvgazettemail.com

Sure, thanks for coming. I know the residents appreciated it. Also let me know if there is any additional information/clarifications you may need for the briefings you will need to do.

Melissa

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:21 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Oh well. I've had worse. Thanks for your help.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:19 PM, Linden, Melissa <[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes, it was part of that

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On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:18 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

But it was a joke!!!!!!!

Out of context!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:17 PM, Linden, Melissa <[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes, before you said the fake news joke

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On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:16 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Did I really say battling the press?

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FYI

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**From:** "Ferrell, Mark" <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>

**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 11:10:47 PM EDT

**To:** "Fields, Jenifer" <[fields.jenifer@epa.gov](mailto:fields.jenifer@epa.gov)>, "Libertz, Catherine" <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>, "schafer, joan" <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>, "Seneca, Roy" <[Seneca.Roy@epa.gov](mailto:Seneca.Roy@epa.gov)>, "Linden, Melissa" <[linden.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:linden.melissa@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** EPA official takes comments at hearing in Minden | News | [wvgazettemail.com](http://wvgazettemail.com)

[https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/epa-official-takes-comments-at-hearing-in-minden/article\\_c7ca4adc-2f9d-50d0-b43f-d7826dba167f.html](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/epa-official-takes-comments-at-hearing-in-minden/article_c7ca4adc-2f9d-50d0-b43f-d7826dba167f.html)

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2018 3:52:19 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA official takes comments at hearing in Minden | News | wvgazettemail.com

Good work Nick

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On Apr 5, 2018, at 11:17 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Not sure I said exactly all that...but...

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**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA official takes comments at hearing in Minden | News | [wvgazettemail.com](http://wvgazettemail.com)

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**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 11:10:47 PM EDT  
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**From:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/28/2018 7:34:07 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Call

Can't now – meeting with DOJ. The TN site of concern is Saltville. We're on it.

**KAREN MELVIN, DIRECTOR  
HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP DIVISION  
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1650 ARCH STREET  
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215-814-3275**

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:32 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Call

Try getting him on his cell right now  
(202) 306-8830

Also, he might ask you about a site in WV that has resulted in the TN folks reaching out to Trey Glenn in R4.

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Call

Shoot. I wanted to give him a heads up on all things Minden. Will he be available tomorrow morning?

**KAREN MELVIN, DIRECTOR  
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215-814-3275**

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:22 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Mackey, Cyndy <Mackey.Cyndy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Today's Call

Karen, Cyndy:

Please excuse my tardiness in sending this email. Kell goes airborne in 30 minutes heading to R7 for the balance of the week and won't be able to have today's call. Let us know if there's anything looming.

Thanks

Nick

Nicholas Falvo

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor

Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/2/2018 4:11:39 PM  
**To:** Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Minden  
**Attachments:** Minden Sampling Results Comms Plan V3.docx

Hi – heads up on this – I think Kell may be getting something from cosmos as well ..thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
**202-564-6879 (desk)**  
**202-253-7056 (mobile)**

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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden

Nancy – attached is a draft of the communications plan for the rollout of the Minden sampling information and the startup of the next phase being conducted by Site Assessment.

Please let us know your thoughts as well as any feedback you may receive.

A couple of dominoes have to fall into place before we know the actual date of the rollout – but we're aiming for next week.

A neutral facilitator is going to contact residents to get their input re the public meeting venue and format. (we are hoping to schedule the public meetings on March 16 and 17. However, we are unable to confirm the dates, venue and time until the contractor obtains the input.)

Once we finalize the public meeting specifics, they will be part of the rollout messaging – which is going to focus on three areas:

The removal status and recent sampling and next steps; the startup of the Site Assessment sampling which will be the first step in determining if this site qualifies for the NPL (and which will get us to a point of knowing whether relocation is a possibility or not); and the information about the upcoming public meetings.

One of the first deliverables we will be sending your way is a draft desk statement about the calls being made by the contractor to get input. Hope to send to you today so the contractor can start making those calls.

Please let us know if you have questions – thank you.

Joan

Joan T. Schafer, Senior Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**Minden Sampling Results December 2017**  
**Draft Communications Strategy**  
**February 23, 2018**

## **BACKGROUND**

EPA Region 3 is about to provide to residents the December 2017 sampling results from its investigation in Minden, WV, near the Shaffer Equipment Company. This sampling was performed to confirm and delineate the areas near 4 samples taken in June 2017 that exceeded 1 ppm.

EPA performed the investigation in response to recent resident concerns. The overall results indicate that low level PCBs may be widespread and will be further evaluated as part of the hazard ranking score (HRS) package used to determine if this site will rank for inclusion on the national priorities list (NPL).

Media coverage of the issue has been high and residents may continue to express concerns after the release of the results.

Local environmental activist group, Headwaters Defense, has been keeping the issue in the forefront of the community's concerns. Headwaters Defense also has gotten the environmental activist Lois Gibbs' assistance in continued pursuit of having residents relocated.

Minden, WV was annexed to Oak Hill and as a part of the annexation it was agreed that Oak Hill would install a new sewer line that would take some burden off the regularly violating Arbuckle water treatment plant. This sewer line would also move the main sewer line in Minden out of Arbuckle Creek which regularly floods and continues to have sewer overflows. The City of Oak Hill received a grant from WVDEP in support of this infrastructure upgrade. The proposed sewer line does go through parts of Minden where sample results show the presence of PCBs below 1 ppm.

## **COMMUNICATION GOALS**

- To effectively communicate the Removal Program's sampling results based on sound science and its next steps of evaluating and conducting repairs to the cap at the Shaffer Equipment Company Site to the following:
  - Headquarters
  - ATSDR
  - WVDEP/Governor/WVOES(Office of Env Health Services)
  - Impacted property owners
  - Community-at-large
  - Interested Media
  - Interested elected officials –*Fayette County Commissioners, Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-WV3), Sen. Capito, Sen. Manchin, state Sen. Steven Baldwin (D-Greenbrier) Sen. Kenny Mann (R-Monroe) Del. Kayla Kessinger (R-Fayette) Del. Tom Fast (R-Fayette) Del. Shirley Love (D-Fayette)*
- To educate the community and additional stakeholders about the HRS process and the next phase of EPA's investigation – Site Assessment and the NPL Evaluation Process.



- To raise awareness among community and interested stakeholders regarding upcoming sampling being conducted by the Site Assessment Program.
- To address confusion over relocation and/or what response actions may be authorized under EPA's Superfund law. (NEED TO DISCUSS WITH COSMO)

## KEY MESSAGES

### PRIMARY: (Results and What They Mean...)

1. Overall, the Emergency Response and Removal Program's December sampling results indicate the following:
  - All surface soil samples collected on residential properties were below 1 ppm.
  - One sample in Arbuckle Creek was above 1 ppm, at 1.8 ppm, in the location of the previous sample with a result of 50 ppm. (WHAT NEXT?)
  - The sample taken a few feet away from the location of the area of erosion of the on-site cap was below 1 ppm.
  - A sample was collected near a building identified by the residents as likely a part of the previous Shaffer Equipment Company. This sample result was 54 ppm and this area will be included in Site Assessment's future evaluations.
2. Next Steps being conducted by the Emergency Response and Removal Program include conducting a survey of the cap during the week of March 19 to develop the plan for repair.
3. Public Meetings will be conducted on March 16 and March 17 to inform the community and answer their questions.

### SECONDARY: (The NPL Process)

1. The next phase of the investigation will be conducted by the Site Assessment Program – this is the first step in determining if the site could qualify for the NPL.
2. Placing a site on the NPL means the site becomes eligible to be evaluated and cleaned up under EPA's Superfund authority. The site will be investigated to determine the nature and extent of contamination related to the site and will identify and select the most appropriate cleanup to protect human health and the environment.
3. We use the information collected during the assessment phase of the Superfund process to score sites according to the risks they may pose to human health and the environment. EPA developed a scoring system called the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) to evaluate the dangers posed by hazardous waste sites. EPA uses the information collected during the assessment phase of the Superfund process to score sites according to the risk they may pose to human health and the environment.
4. If a site has a high enough score on the HRS and meets *all* other criteria, EPA may propose that it be put on the NPL, with the State's concurrence.
5. If listed on the NPL, the site will undergo a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study to identify the extent of the contamination and develop options to address contamination so that any threat to human health or the environment may be mitigated.

## TARGET AUDIENCES

- Impacted property owners
- Community at large
- State Partner
- Governor
- Elected Officials
- Interested Media
- Env Activists i.e. Headwaters Defense
- City of Oak Hill

## TACTICS:

- **Note** – this proposal needs to be discussed further to weigh the pros and cons: Prepare a press release to go out early the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> notifying the public that EPA will be reaching out to the community for their input on the format for the next public meeting to be scheduled mid- end-March; Facilitator reaches out to the community after the PR described above.
- Direct Mail (letters) and Phone calls to impacted property owners
- Issue press release on “Rollout Day” with key messaging
- Personal Calls to State Secretary and Governor’s Office (by RA/DRA)
- Fact Sheet for distribution on recent sampling results, public meeting announcement, next steps and NPL/HRS
- Updated Minden website with new data and fact sheets
- Scheduled public meeting moderated by neutral facilitator
- Direct outreach to Media/Reporters (contact info, etc.)
- Paid newspaper ad
- Agency Talking Points
- Updated Q&As
- Meeting with local Env Activists?? (TBD)

## ROLLOUT PLAN AND TIMEFRAMES (Synchronized)

### DELIVERABLES:

What	Timeframe	Responsible Person
Note: This concept needs to be discussed with the group:		
Draft PR regarding outreach for community input on the meeting	2/26/18	Roy
• Coordination of facilitation support	2/26/18	Amie
• Facilitator reaches out to community for meeting input	2/28/18	Amie
• Secure meeting space factoring in community input		
• Develop News Ad for Public Meeting	3/?/18	
*Need to determine which newspapers to publish		RoyDraft

- Letter to Property Owners 2/28/18 Melissa
- Identify Removal Messaging 2/28/18 Fran/Melissa  
for calls to property owners
- Develop Fact Sheet re Recent Sampling, 3/1/18 Melissa/Darriel/  
Next steps and NPL Process 3/1/18 Amie/Yaz/Darriel
- Draft Press Release 3/1/18 Roy
- Update Q&As 3/1/18 Fran/Melissa
- Draft Updated Website 3/1/18 Melissa/Darriel/Joan
- Schedule public meeting  
(needs to be scheduled/fact sheet and PR) 2/28/18 Amie/Darriel
- Develop Key Messages 3/1/18  
Joan/Karen/Fran/Melissa/Amie
- Notify HQ (KK) 3/1/18 Cosmo
- Share Comms Plan with HQ (OPA) 3/1/18 Joan
- Schedule Calls on Cosmo's Schedule 3/1/18 Rhonda/Jenifer
- Contact info for all calls (cong and elected officials 3/1/18 Mark
- Identify media contacts for direct outreach 3/1/18 Roy/Joan
- Draft Letter for Site Assessment Sampling 3/1/18 Yaz

**Rollout Action Items/Timeframes: (Date TBD – all on same day for consistent messaging) (Info should be shared with ATSDR in advance)**

Action:	Timeframe:	Responsible Person:
Call to WVDEP (Secretary), WVOES	10 a.m.	Cosmo
Call to Governor	10:30 a.m.	Cosmo
Call to Property Owners	10:30 a.m.	Melissa
(Letters go out concurrently to same property owners)		
Calls to Elected Officials	11 a.m.	Cosmo/Cecil/Mark
Website Updates Go Live	11 a.m.	Melissa
Calls to Media Outlets	11:30 a.m.	Cosmo/Joan
Release of PR	11:00 a.m.	Roy/Joan

**NOTE:** one concept could include a conf call with all cong staffers (for the offices identified above) scheduled for a specific time; this conf call would eliminate the need to make multiple calls. TBD

**Additional Options for Cosmo/KK:**

*Schedule Rollout Date for Week Cosmo is in WV (March 13-16)?*

Call or Meeting with Headwaters/Env Activists	Cosmo/KK?
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Call with Lois Gibbs

Karen/KK?

Interview on Two WV TV Stations (in person or via phone)

Cosmo?

Face to Face Meeting with WVDEP

Cosmo?

Message

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/2/2018 4:51:41 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Just FYI .. if the site scores high enough to be listed on the NPL then the following investigation RI not only determines nature and extent of contamination but also determines risk and whether action under CERCLA is warranted. So we need to make sure that any public materials are clear on that issue.

Silvina

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi – heads up on this – I think Kell may be getting something from cosmos as well ..thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**  
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**202-253-7056 (mobile)**

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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden

Nancy – attached is a draft of the communications plan for the rollout of the Minden sampling information and the startup of the next phase being conducted by Site Assessment.

Please let us know your thoughts as well as any feedback you may receive.

A couple of dominoes have to fall into place before we know the actual date of the rollout – but we're aiming for next week.

A neutral facilitator is going to contact residents to get their input re the public meeting venue and format. (we are hoping to schedule the public meetings on March 16 and 17. However, we are unable to confirm the dates, venue and time until the contractor obtains the input.)

Once we finalize the public meeting specifics, they will be part of the rollout messaging – which is going to focus on three areas:

The removal status and recent sampling and next steps; the startup of the Site Assessment sampling which will be the first step in determining if this site qualifies for the NPL (and which will get us to a point of knowing whether relocation is a possibility or not); and the information about the upcoming public meetings.

One of the first deliverables we will be sending your way is a draft desk statement about the calls being made by the contractor to get input. Hope to send to you today so the contractor can start making those calls.

Please let us know if you have questions – thank you.  
Joan

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<Minden Sampling Results Comms Plan V3.docx>

Message

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**From:** Purnell, Rhonda [Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov]  
on behalf of Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 4:16:30 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Request for a brief discussion (Re: Minden)

Hello, Cosmo Servidio, Region 3 RA would like to request a brief discussion on Minden tomorrow, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 or 8:30 am with Mr. Kelly. Please let us know if Mr. Kelly available at your earliest convenience.

Thanks, Rhonda

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Message

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**From:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Sent:** 1/25/2018 10:38:05 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Thank you for meeting with us yesterday  
**Attachments:** Thank you to Scott Pruitt Albert Kelly.pdf

Nick,  
Thanks for all your help in setting up the meeting yesterday and rolling with the crazy alternative meeting sites when the gov't. was closed. I appreciate your time and effort to make things go smoothly and productively. I attached the letter I sent to Administrator Pruitt and Albert Kelly.

p.s. love the horse story

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January 25, 2018

Dear Administrator Pruitt, Albert Kelly and other EPA representatives:

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with representatives from Superfund related sites across the country.

We look forward to an on-going dialog around the four primary issue areas participants outlined at the meeting:

- 1.) Human health must be the priority for selection of sites for evaluation and remediation/cleanups.
- 2.) Preserving the Technical Assistance Grants and public participation programs as it has historically been administered.
- 3.) Redevelopment must not be the priority for action over other priorities such as human health impacts.
- 4.) Establishing quarterly meetings between Albert Kelly and/or Administrator Pruitt and community leaders from Superfund related sites either at Headquarters or in the field.

It was encouraging to hear that EPA is using human health impacts as a priority concern for action at Superfund program sites. This was not apparent in the Superfund Taskforce report which put greater emphasis on redevelopment potential. As you heard from leaders around the table, human health and suffering from disease are the community's first and foremost concerns. The way the list of 21 sites was released further fostered the sense that redevelopment was the top priority.

We were happy to hear that there are no conversations related to making any changes in the technical assistance and public participation programs. We look forward to having a conversation about how to streamline the paper work in the application process for the technical assistance grants program to make it easier for lay community people to apply without having to hire outside help.

Stephen Lester will look at your new webpage on health when it is live next week. And we'll be happy to let others in the larger network know about the site.

Lastly, we are looking forward to having quarterly meetings with you to both receive from EPA and provide to you updates from the field. Keeping a dialog going as we move forward will avoid misunderstandings and certainly help to streamline programs that have been a bit of a bottleneck. Anne Rabe from Hoosick Falls, NY site is interested in Albert Kelly visiting as is Suzie Jenkins from Minden, WV. I have attached for you a list of participants that attended the meeting with their contact information as promised.

On behalf of everyone who attended from our Superfund program campaign, I would like to again thank you for your time and information. I look forward to scheduling the next meeting as we move forward.

Sincerely,



Lois Marie Gibbs  
Center for Health, Environment & Justice

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Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 6:22:24 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Request for a brief discussion (Re: Minden)

Works

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 11:50 AM, Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kell

Eastern time. Hopefully, that works for you. If not, please let me know what does.

Thanks

Cos

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 11:18 AM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Eastern time? By phone?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 10:16 AM, Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello, Cosmo Servidio, Region 3 RA would like to request a brief discussion on Minden tomorrow, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 or 8:30 am with Mr. Kelly. Please let us know if Mr. Kelly available at your earliest convenience.

Thanks, Rhonda

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Message

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**From:** Linden, Melissa [linden.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/10/2018 1:45:31 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Attachments:** Minden WV FEMA Flood Map.docx

Good Morning Nick,

In addition to the two floods (2001 and 2017) that residents referenced on Thursday, there have been additional. Official WV FEMA declarations for floods -

[https://www.fema.gov/disasters?field\\_dv2\\_state\\_territory\\_tribal\\_value\\_selective=WV&field\\_dv2\\_incident\\_type\\_tid=49112&field\\_dv2\\_declaration\\_type\\_value=All&field\\_dv2\\_incident\\_begin\\_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Bmonth%5D=&field\\_dv2\\_incident\\_begin\\_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=&field\\_dv2\\_incident\\_end\\_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Bmonth%5D=&field\\_dv2\\_incident\\_end\\_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=](https://www.fema.gov/disasters?field_dv2_state_territory_tribal_value_selective=WV&field_dv2_incident_type_tid=49112&field_dv2_declaration_type_value=All&field_dv2_incident_begin_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Bmonth%5D=&field_dv2_incident_begin_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=&field_dv2_incident_end_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Bmonth%5D=&field_dv2_incident_end_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=)

The only flood federal disaster declaration for Fayette County was June 25, 2016 that is listed in the online database. We don't have a record of all of the floods for this area.

This area does flood potentially multiple times a year and in 2010 a large area of Minden was determined to be a floodplain by FEMA.

Attached, you can see that a large section along Arbuckle Creek was determined a flood zone A by the FEMA map.

Additionally, after the 2001 flood occurred the Fayette County Commission bought out some property owners. At that time not all property owners accepted a buyout. The Fayette County Commissioners still own a number of those properties in Minden, WV.

If you have additional question regarding flooding, I would recommend reaching out to FEMA for more detailed information. If you have any site specific questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Melissa Linden, OSC  
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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Linden, Melissa <linden.melissa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW:

FYI.

Also, can you help me with the correct timeline in terms of flooding? There were many mentions of floods at the meeting Thursday night, and I have found some information on the 2001 and 2017 catastrophic floods. Were there any other major floods where the state or other federal agencies came into Minden? (I.e. FEMA)

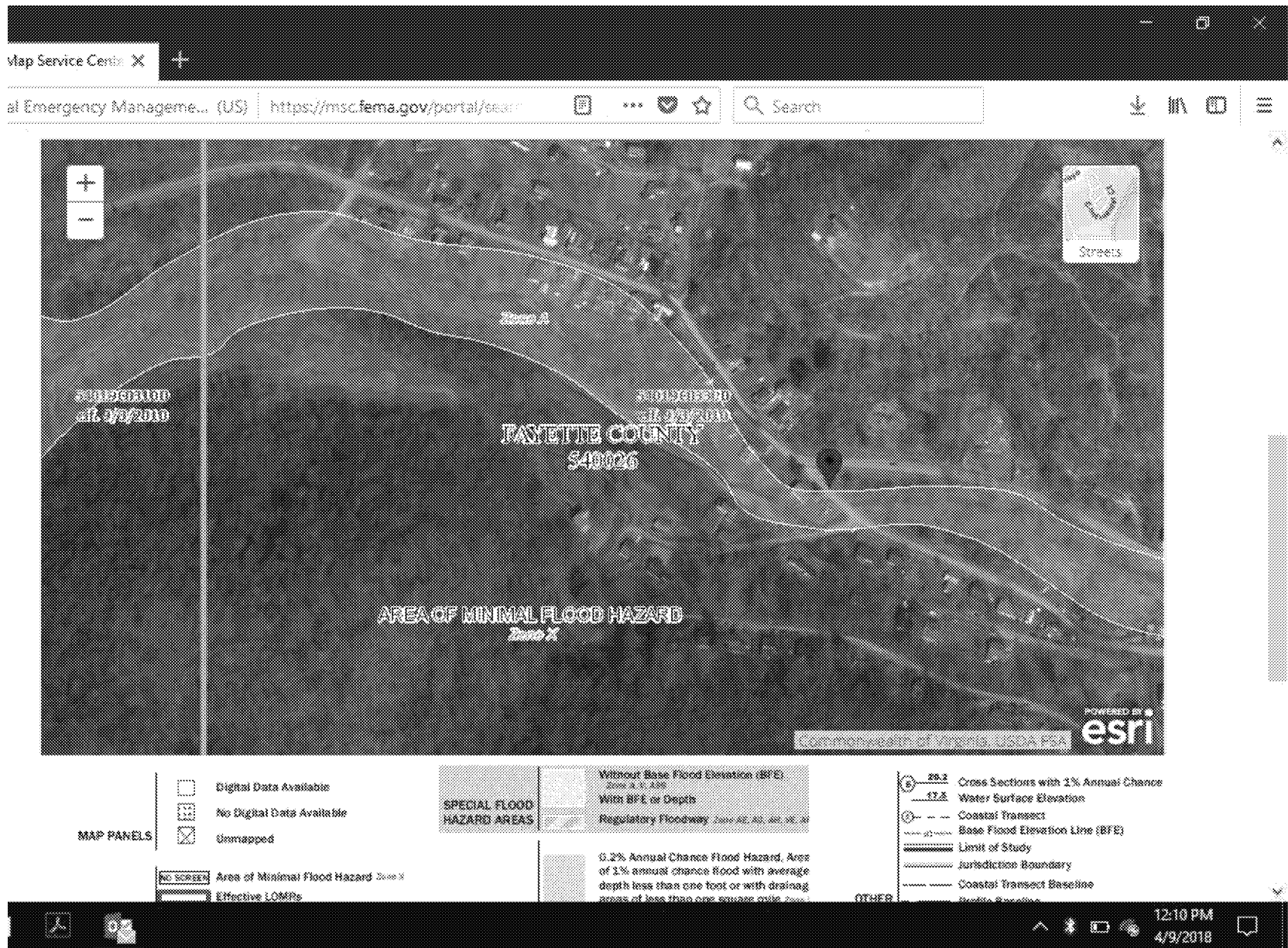
And need to touch base one more time on those Technical Assistance Services Grants.

Thanks again for everything you're doing down there.

Nick

**From:** Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 4:05 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:**

I'm sorry to message you but I'm asking what EPA is going to do about my house flooding when Shaffer's equipment site got damaged I have attached pictures to this email my home is toxic now I also have F.E.M.A paperwork to back what I'm saying I'm trying to work with EPA on this but if can't get this matter taken care of than I'll have to take legal action and file a suit I don't want to do that but afraid to let my kids live in a toxic waste soaked home also have report of PCBs in my yard to also back this all picture is rescue team with boat to help minden people out of homes I don't want to hand this over to a lawyer because this will open a can of worms that EPA doesn't want also have pictures of oil on top of the water from Shaffer's equipment site and also report of New River that was tested at Arbuckle Creek showing the levels of PCBs coming from minden that was done by wvdep



[ HYPERLINK "<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=minden%2C%20wv>" ] Flood Map 54019C0330D

Definition of Zone A - Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event generally determined using approximate methodologies. Because detailed hydraulic analyses have not been performed, no Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) or flood depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements and floodplain management standards apply.

## Appointment

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**From:** Purnell, Rhonda [Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov]  
on behalf of Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 8:34:03 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]

**Subject:** Call - Re: Minden  
**Location:** Call 215-814-2900

**Start:** 3/6/2018 1:30:00 PM  
**End:** 3/6/2018 2:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Required Attendees:** Melvin, Karen; Kelly, Albert



Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 6:26:54 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call  
**Attachments:** Draft PR for Minden Sent to HQ.docx; Minden Sampling Results Comms Plan 3 2 18.docx; Minden QAs 03\_02.docx; 3-2-18 Minden Ad.docx; 3-1-18 Shaffer draft final Fact Sheet.docx; Shaffer Final Draft Residential Letter 3 2 18\_.docx

Hi Kell,

Have you connected with Cosmo on this? are we good to go? thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

FYI – Attached are the documents, Nancy.

Thanks.

joan

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dietz, Linda <Dietz.Linda@epa.gov>; Driscoll, Stacie <Driscoll.Stacie@epa.gov>; schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>; Gross, Bonnie <Gross.bonnie@epa.gov>; Burns, Francis <Burns.Fran@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

Cos and Jen, here is the email message and the attachments - kudos to everyone involved in getting these together. Let me know if you need anything else.

Kell, I like to talk with you on Monday, if possible, to update you on what will be happening in upcoming weeks regarding the Minden/Schaffer Site. As you know, we engaged a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to canvas the residents on their preferences for the format of the public meeting(s) to be held on March 16 and 17. They will be making calls next week. We will also be sending out to the property owners the results of our December sampling event. We will be issuing a press release announcing the availability of the data and the public meeting. We will be distributing Fact Sheets to Minden residents next week, as well, that also encourages their participation in the public meeting.

About the public meeting, in addition to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Facilitator, we are arranging to send 2 On-Scene Coordinators, 2 Site Assessment Managers, 2 Community Involvement Specialists, a Press Officer, a Congressional Liaison, a Toxicologist and a representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and are waiting for participation confirmation from the state and or local Health Department. There will also be representation from the WV Department of Environmental Protection.

I am attaching our Communications Plan, Meeting Notice, Fact Sheet, Press Release and Public Meeting Notice, along with a Q/A document that is intended solely to inform regional response to any questions that may be posed by the press, Congressional delegations or the public. They should still be considered “draft,” however, we do not expect that they will be subject to any dramatic changes. I am also attaching the letter we will be sending to the residents.

I will have my staff schedule a time for us to talk. Thanks.



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**EPA hosts March public meetings in Minden, W. Va.  
To share latest soil, sediment sampling results**

***Site assessment process begins for Superfund National Priorities List evaluation***

**PHILADELPHIA (March ??, 2018)** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be hosting public meetings March 16 and 17 in Minden, West Virginia to share results with the community from the latest round of soil sampling taken in Minden and explain the site assessment process. The most recent soil sampling has identified Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at levels that do not indicate an immediate threat to human health.

EPA is continuing to coordinate with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) on all sampling, monitoring and evaluation work in Minden.

EPA collected soil and sediment samples in December to further investigate areas sampled in June 2017 and to confirm the presence of potential soil and sediment contamination. The latest results, which included 37 surface soil samples and 27 sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek, continue to show PCBs, but do not indicate an immediate threat to human health. Therefore, EPA does not anticipate the need to take immediate action to address soils in residential areas.

EPA conducted the two rounds of sampling in response to concerns from residents about potential health effects from the Shaffer Equipment site where EPA conducted cleanup work in 2002. The Shaffer Equipment Company used the site to manufacture equipment used in mining that included transformers and other electrical equipment that contained PCBs.

EPA's cleanup work included excavating soil and constructing a cap over about one acre of the six-acre site that included the remains of a demolished building and some remaining contaminated soil. In June 2017, EPA inspected the cap and determined that it needed repairs. During the week of March 19, EPA will survey the cap and determine the extent of those repairs.

During the public meetings, EPA representatives also will discuss its plan to assess the Shaffer Equipment site to determine if it qualifies to be placed on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). The Superfund NPL is the list of hazardous waste sites in the U.S. that are eligible for federal funding to pay for extensive evaluation and potential, long-term cleanup actions.

The assessment will include conducting a separate sampling effort beginning this month. Soil samples will be collected from the Shaffer Equipment property and from residential properties.

Sampling data will be used to develop the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package for the site. Currently, there is insufficient data to determine if the Shaffer Equipment Site will qualify for listing on the Superfund NPL. If a site has a high enough HRS score and meets other criteria, EPA, with the agreement of the Governor, may propose that it be added to the Superfund NPL.

More information on the process to add a site to the Superfund NPL can be found at: [ HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl>" ]

Continued evaluation and maintenance work at the site is not expected to have any impact on ongoing work involving sewer lines in Minden.

The public meetings will be held at the Minden Missionary Baptist Church, 22 Minden Church Rd., on Friday, March 16 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Representatives from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, WVDEP, and West Virginia Bureau of Public Health (to be confirmed) will also be available to answer questions about sampling results and health concerns.

For more information on EPA's response efforts at Shaffer Equipment Site and surrounding areas in Minden, visit: [ HYPERLINK "<https://response.epa.gov/ShafferEquipmentCompany>" ]

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**Minden Sampling Results December 2017**  
**Draft Communications Strategy**  
**February 23, 2018**

## **BACKGROUND**

EPA Region 3 is about to provide to residents the December 2017 sampling results from its investigation in Minden, WV, near the Shaffer Equipment Company. This sampling was performed to confirm and delineate the areas near 4 samples taken in June 2017 that exceeded 1 ppm.

EPA performed the investigation in response to recent resident concerns. The overall results indicate that low level PCBs may be widespread and will be further evaluated as part of the hazard ranking score (HRS) package used to determine if this site will rank for inclusion on the national priorities list (NPL).

Media coverage of the issue has been high and residents may continue to express concerns after the release of the results.

Local environmental activist group, Headwaters Defense, has been keeping the issue in the forefront of the community's concerns. Headwaters Defense also has gotten the environmental activist Lois Gibbs' assistance in continued pursuit of having residents relocated.

Minden, WV was annexed to Oak Hill and as a part of the annexation it was agreed that Oak Hill would install a new sewer line that would take some burden off the regularly violating Arbuckle water treatment plant. This sewer line would also move the main sewer line in Minden out of Arbuckle Creek which regularly floods and continues to have sewer overflows. The City of Oak Hill received a grant from WVDEP in support of this infrastructure upgrade. The proposed sewer line does go through parts of Minden where sample results show the presence of PCBs below 1 ppm.

## **COMMUNICATION GOALS**

- To effectively communicate the Removal Program's sampling results based on sound science and its next steps of evaluating and conducting repairs to the cap at the Shaffer Equipment Company Site to the following:
  - Headquarters
  - ATSDR
  - WVDEP/Governor/WVOES(Office of Evn Health Services)
  - Impacted property owners
  - Community-at-large
  - Interested Media
  - Interested elected officials –*Fayette County Commissioners, Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-WV3), Sen. Capito, Sen. Manchin, state Sen. Steven Baldwin (D-Greenbrier) Sen. Kenny Mann (R-Monroe) Del. Kayla Kessinger (R-Fayette) Del. Tom Fast (R-Fayette) Del. Shirley Love (D-Fayette)*
- To educate the community and additional stakeholders about the HRS process and the next phase of EPA's investigation – Site Assessment and the NPL Evaluation Process.

- To raise awareness among community and interested stakeholders regarding upcoming sampling being conducted by the Site Assessment Program.
- To address confusion over relocation and/or what response actions may be authorized under EPA's Superfund law.

## KEY MESSAGES

### PRIMARY: (Results and What They Mean...)

1. Overall, the Emergency Response and Removal Program's December sampling results indicate the following:
  - All surface soil samples collected on residential properties were below 1 ppm.
  - One sample in Arbuckle Creek was above 1 ppm, at 1.8 ppm, in the location of the previous sample with a result of 50 ppm.
  - The sample taken a few feet away from the location of the area of erosion of the on-site cap was below 1 ppm.
  - A sample was collected near a building identified by the residents as likely a part of the previous Shaffer Equipment Company. This sample result was 54 ppm and this area will be included in Site Assessment's future evaluations.
2. Next Steps being conducted by the Emergency Response and Removal Program include conducting a survey of the cap during the week of March 19 to develop the plan for repair.
3. Public Meetings will be conducted on March 16 and March 17 to inform the community and answer their questions.

### SECONDARY: (The NPL Process)

1. The next phase of the investigation will be conducted by the Site Assessment Program – this is the first step in determining if the site could qualify for the NPL.
2. Placing a site on the NPL means the site becomes eligible to be evaluated and cleaned up under EPA's Superfund authority. The site will be investigated to determine the nature and extent of contamination related to the site and will identify and select the most appropriate cleanup to protect human health and the environment.
3. We use the information collected during the assessment phase of the Superfund process to score sites according to the risks they may pose to human health and the environment. EPA developed a scoring system called the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) to evaluate the dangers posed by hazardous waste sites. EPA uses the information collected during the assessment phase of the Superfund process to score sites according to the risk they may pose to human health and the environment.
4. If a site has a high enough score on the HRS and meets *all* other criteria, EPA may propose that it be put on the NPL, with the State's concurrence.
5. If listed on the NPL, the site will undergo a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study to identify the extent of the contamination and develop options to address contamination so that any threat to human health or the environment may be mitigated.

## TARGET AUDIENCES

- Impacted property owners
- Community at large
- State Partner
- Governor
- Elected Officials
- Interested Media
- Env Activists i.e. Headwaters Defense
- City of Oak Hill

## TACTICS:

- **Note** – this proposal needs to be discussed further to weigh the pros and cons: Prepare a press release to go out early the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> notifying the public that EPA will be reaching out to the community for their input on the format for the next public meeting to be scheduled mid- end-March; Facilitator reaches out to the community after the PR described above.
- Direct Mail (letters) and Phone calls to impacted property owners
- Issue press release on “Rollout Day” with key messaging
- Personal Calls to State Secretary and Governor’s Office (by RA/DRA)
- Fact Sheet for distribution on recent sampling results, public meeting announcement, next steps and NPL/HRS
- Updated Minden website with new data and fact sheets
- Scheduled public meeting moderated by neutral facilitator
- Direct outreach to Media/Reporters (contact info, etc.)
- Paid newspaper ad
- Agency Talking Points
- Updated Q&As

## ROLLOUT PLAN AND TIMEFRAMES (Synchronized)

### DELIVERABLES:

What	Timeframe	Responsible Person
Note: This concept needs to be discussed with the group:		
Draft PR regarding outreach for community input on the meeting	2/26/18	Roy
• Coordination of facilitation support	2/26/18	Amie
• Facilitator reaches out to community for meeting input	2/28/18	Amie
• Secure meeting space factoring in community input		
• Develop News Ad for Public Meeting	3/?/18	
*Need to determine which newspapers to publish		RoyDraft

- Letter to Property Owners 2/28/18 Melissa
- Identify Removal Messaging 2/28/18 Fran/Melissa  
for calls to property owners
- Develop Fact Sheet re Recent Sampling, 3/1/18 Melissa/Darriel/  
Next steps and NPL Process 3/1/18 Amie/Yaz/Darriel
- Draft Press Release 3/1/18 Roy
- Update Q&As 3/1/18 Fran/Melissa
- Draft Updated Website 3/1/18 Melissa/Darriel/Joan
- Schedule public meeting  
(needs to be scheduled/fact sheet and PR) 2/28/18 Amie/Darriel
- Develop Key Messages 3/1/18  
Joan/Karen/Fran/Melissa/Amie
- Notify HQ (KK) 3/1/18 Cosmo
- Share Comms Plan with HQ (OPA) 3/1/18 Joan
- Schedule Calls on Cosmo's Schedule 3/1/18 Rhonda/Jenifer
- Contact info for all calls (cong and elected officials 3/1/18 Mark
- Identify media contacts for direct outreach 3/1/18 Roy/Joan
- Draft Letter for Site Assessment Sampling 3/1/18 Yaz

**Rollout Action Items/Timeframes: (Date TBD – all on same day for consistent messaging) (Info should be shared with ATSDR in advance)**

Action:	Timeframe:	Responsible Person:
Call to WVDEP (Secretary), WVOES	10 a.m.	Cosmo
Call to Governor	10:30 a.m.	Cosmo
Call to Property Owners	10:30 a.m.	Melissa
(Letters go out concurrently to same property owners)		
Calls to Elected Officials	11 a.m.	Cosmo/Cecil/Mark
Website Updates Go Live	11 a.m.	Melissa
Calls to Media Outlets *	11:30 a.m.	Cosmo/Joan
Release of PR	11:00 a.m.	Roy/Joan

**NOTE:** one concept could include a conf call with all cong staffers (for the offices identified above) scheduled for a specific time; this conf call would eliminate the need to make multiple calls. TBD

\*Interview on Two WV TV Stations (in person or via phone) Cosmo?  
Also with Jessica Farrish perhaps Ken Ward





## **POTENTIAL Q&As RELATED TO THE MINDEN RESULTS: 03-01-18**

### ***SAMPLING QUESTIONS:***

#### **When did the most recent round of testing occur (dates)?**

The most recent sampling occurred December 12 - 13, 2017 at the Shaffer Equipment Site and adjacent residential properties, and in Arbuckle Creek adjacent to the site and at locations downstream in the creek for approximately 3/4 mile.

#### **What is the process for sampling at residences?**

Residential sample locations were chosen based on their proximity to Arbuckle Creek because of past flooding events. Surface soil samples were collected at a depth of 0-12 inches. Vegetation was removed from the area and then a single use trowel was used to collect a soil sample. The soil sample was then placed into a glass jar. The glass jars were then placed in a cooler and prepared for shipment to the laboratory for analysis.

#### **What was the process for determining the December sample locations?**

EPA used 6 transects that were located between the four samples above 1ppm identified by the June 2017 sampling. Each transect consisted of 5 samples; two surface soil samples and three sediment samples. The two surface soil samples were taken on either side of Arbuckle Creek. The sediment samples were taken in Arbuckle Creek, one on each side of the creek and one from the middle.

#### **Can we provide more information about the demographics of the homes and neighborhoods where EPA collected samples? Could this be an EJ issue?**

The entire Minden area is an EJ area due to low economical means. The town is separated into Old Minden a predominantly African American community and Minden or New Minden, which is a predominantly white community.

#### **Why do EPA and WV DEP have different cleanup levels to address PCBs?**

The WVDEP uses a very low concentration of PCBs (.33 ppm) in soil for their voluntary cleanup program. This level is the most conservative number used in lieu of a site specific risk assessment which factors in exposures and use of the property but which could result in a level higher than .33ppm.

EPA's assessment of the Site is being conducted under EPA's **Removal** program. EPA's **Removal** program uses its emergency response authority to stabilize and/or mitigate an imminent or substantial threat to human health and the environment. If a site does not warrant an emergency response, the information is shared with EPA's **Site Assessment** program for a future decision on proposing the site to the National Priorities List (NPL). If listed on the NPL, the **Remedial Program** determines if additional, long-term cleanup activities are warranted.

### **What do all these levels mean?**

WVDEP has a voluntary remediation program where the entity conducting the cleanup can choose to remove all soils which contain contamination greater than the de minimis level, which for PCBs is .33ppm without conducting site specific risk assessments. Alternatively, the State cleanup program allows an entity the option to do a risk assessment because a cleanup number based on a risk assessment may be protective at a level higher than the de minimis level.

Removal Management Levels (RMLs) are risk-based concentrations for individual chemicals that are protective of human health. Exceedances of these values trigger consideration of a quick response to eliminate any threats. For Aroclor 1260, the RML is 24ppm for residential soil.

Under U.S. EPA's long-term clean-up program (Remedial) for Sites on the NPL, the risk-based screening concentration for Aroclor 1260 is 0.24 ppm for residential soil. An exceedance of this value indicates the need for a closer evaluation. If an assessment of long-term risks suggests that clean-up is necessary, a typical goal for Aroclor 1260 would fall between 0.24 and 24 ppm. These concentrations represent excess cancer risks of 1 in one million (0.24ppm) to one in ten thousand (24 ppm), using very stringent exposure assumptions. The final clean-up goal would be based on several considerations, including depth of the contamination and the presence of other contaminants.

Screening levels are **not** cleanup levels. If a screening level at a Site is exceeded it means that additional evaluation should be considered and a site-specific risk assessment should be conducted to determine if a cleanup is necessary.

### **What kind of an impact would flooding have on properties contaminated with PCBs? Do PCBs get transported? Did EPA consider possible flooding when planning the cleanup and taking samples?**

EPA did consider the possibility of flooding when the cap was designed and constructed. Although PCBs are not readily soluble in water, but may be present in the soil that can erode during flooding. EPA used the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to design the cap at the Site and the USACE considered the area's heavy rainfalls that can increase the flow of Arbuckle Creek in their design of the cap. The cap consists of an 18-inch compacted clay layer that was placed over the contaminated soil. Then a 40-millimeter thick, high density polyethylene impervious barrier was placed over the compacted clay layer. Finally, 12 inches of clean soil, and another 6 inches of topsoil and vegetation were placed on the cap.

The USACE also constructed along the creek, an interlocking sheet-pile wall 8 to 12 feet tall to minimize migration of PCBs from the site, and placed 18 to 30 inches diameter stone to support and protect the creek banks from erosion. During the construction activities, mesh fencing was used to limit migration of PCB contaminated soil from the site.

EPA's samples were predominantly along Arbuckle Creek to address the residents' concerns about contamination that was spread by flooding of the creek.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS:**

### **Is EPA saying the Shaffer site isn't the cause of the PCB contamination based on the highest result being a half a mile from the site?**

At this time, EPA can say that PCB aroclors that have been detected are consistent with those found in previous sampling efforts conducted for the Shaffer Equipment Company Site. The exact cause of the contamination is unknown but is further being evaluated by the site assessment program at EPA.

### **Shouldn't EPA clean up areas that had higher levels of PCBs right away?**

The variable sample results have shown that additional sampling of the area is necessary to develop the plan of action for the Minden Area. However, at this point in time, EPA does not believe the residential areas warrant an immediate action because the concentrations that have been found are so low and do not present an immediate threat to human health. If conditions are found which cause an immediate threat, EPA can use its emergency response authorities.

### **What will the survey of the cap entail?**

EPA will be evaluating the type of vegetation, impacts to the cap that may have occurred, and impacts of recreational activity on the unsecured site. The survey will be used to develop the next step and plan for the cap repairs.

### **The Oct. 1 article in the Register Herald said: "It was revealed this week through a FOIA request that soil samples taken and tested by the EPA along Arbuckle Creek in Minden showed elevated levels of PCB contamination in multiple locations – in one case, 10 times the federal standard for officials to take action." Is this accurate?**

Arbuckle Creek has one sediment sample of 50 ppm, which is above the screening level for sediments. This level does not represent a level that warrants emergency action. However, further sampling will be conducted in the creek by EPA's Site Assessment program to consider the Site for listing on the NPL.

### **Is relocating residents an option based on what Lois Gibbs said?**

If the site is placed on the NPL, and a risk assessment determines the need for a cleanup at the Site, relocation of residents can be evaluated along with other options for addressing risk posed by contamination at the Site.

### **What are the roles of WVDEP, ATSDR, WV Bureau of Health, and EPA in this case?**

EPA is working with WVDEP to assess the Shaffer Equipment Site and surrounding Minden area. EPA collected samples with WVDEP staff present during the sampling. In 1993, ATSDR was petitioned and wrote a report regarding the health risks due to PCBs in the area. ATSDR and WV Bureau of Public Health have the sampling data to review and to answer specific cancer and health concern questions from the residents. WV Bureau of Public Health compiles the state cancer registry and can explain the determination process for a "cancer cluster" in answer to resident concerns.

**You're saying...Recent sampling indicates that EPA's work at the cap site has limited the spread of PCBs." – so there are still PCBs spreading there?**

There are low levels of PCBs along Arbuckle Creek which have likely been present from the time that Shaffer Equipment Company operated. The cap placed over the contaminated soils as the property has limited any further spread of PCBs because there is not a continued release occurring from the site. EPA has determined that the cap has minor repairs that are needed. EPA is continuing to assess and develop a plan to repair the cap.

**How many samples were taken during the December 2017 Sampling Event?**

EPA collected 37 surface soil samples and 27 sediment samples during the December Sampling event. EPA worked with WVDEP, a resident of Minden and data from the June 2017 sampling event to determine the sample locations.

**Based on June 22 article: did EPA ever consult with OSHA?**

The Shaffer Equipment Company had ceased operations before EPA's involvement at the Site in 1984. OSHA would not typically be notified because their regulations for occupational health and safety apply to operating facilities. The workers' potential exposure from working at Shaffer Equipment Company were included in the ATSDR review in 1993. Any future work for sewer installment or additional companies in the area should comply with all OSHA regulations as required.

### ***HEALTH RELATED QUESTIONS:***

**What should I do to make certain my health is monitored properly for possible PCB contamination going forward? How many years?**

Residents should consult with primary care physicians and physicians can speak to WV Bureau of Public Health or ATSDR for further consultation on frequency and type of monitoring.

**Can we explain the potential health effects of PCBs?**

Direct skin exposure to high concentrations of PCBs could cause skin lesions and cysts. Reproductive function may be disrupted by exposure to high concentrations of PCBs. Neurobehavioral and developmental deficits have been reported in newborns exposed to PCBs in utero, that the mother ingested. PCBs may affect liver function, but are reversible in mild exposures. Chronic exposure to PCBs could increase the risk of liver, stomach, intestinal, and thyroid cancers.

**Should residents have any concerns if their property had PCBs but at levels below the risk limit? What does EPA recommend that these people do?**

Residents should not have concerns about their property, but to further decrease exposure they can keep the soil vegetated.

**Can the EPA make any sort of determination as to why there are such high cancer rates in this town?**

EPA is unable to make a conclusion about the cancer occurrences in Minden, but concerns can be discussed with ATSDR and WVBPH. If a resident has cancer, their oncologist/medical team can also have discussions with health officials for a consultation.

***PRIOR WORK ON THE SITE:***

**Why did EPA only put a cap over one acre and not the entire six acres?**

EPA conducted multiple removals, with the last action being in 2002 where they sampled all 6 acres, excavated the contaminated soil and, placed it below the one acre cap. The 5 acres not capped were resampled during the latest round of sampling (June 12 – 15) and are below 1 ppm, and require no additional actions.

**How long were you aware residents were being exposed to elevated PCB levels (i.e., levels that warrant action) before you notified them?**

EPA notified the community of the results of the sampling once the results were received. The sampling results showed the PCB levels did not pose an immediate threat to human health or the need to take an emergency response, which was explained to the community in a fact sheet and public meetings.

***FOIA Questions:***

**Are there any Superfund sites located in Minden, WV?**

There are no Superfund sites currently listed on the national priorities list in Minden, WV.

**PROCESS FOR NPL AND PROGRESS:**

**How is a site listed on the NPL?**

EPA collects environmental data and enters the results into the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) model. If the HRS model package results in a score above 28.5, then the site would be eligible for the NPL. The HRS package is then sent to EPA Headquarters for review to make sure the documentation of the score is sound. During the EPA HQ review, EPA will also request the governor of the State to concur on the proposed listing. If the State concurs and when the site passes the EPA HQ review, the site can then be proposed to the NPL. When a site is proposed, a 60-day public comment period follows. Unless there are significant comments that would affect the score, the site would then be placed on the NPL.

**What is the timeline for listing a site on the NPL?**

EPA typically has two NPL rules per year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. For example, for the Fall 2018 NPL proposal, EPA Headquarters will ask for the sites that are being considered for proposal in February of 2018. At that time EPA will start to prepare the HRS

package and will submit it for EPA HQ review in a June-July timeframe. This is also the timeframe that EPA will request a concurrence letter from the Governor. If there are no significant issues with the HQ review of the site, it will be proposed in the September 2018 update. A sixty-day public comment period will follow. If there are no significant comments, the site can be listed on the next NPL rule which would be the Spring of 2019.

**What else does EPA need other than the Governor's request for the site to be added to the NPL?**

A fully referenced HRS package that has passed EPA Headquarters review, which means that it needs to be a document that would stand up to a court challenge.

**Would Minden qualify for addition to the current NPL or have to wait until the next round?**

We need to collect additional data to support the development of the HRS package. Therefore, Fall 2018 is the earliest that the Minden Site could be proposed. EPA HQ has tentatively scheduled a May 2018 update, but we do not have sufficient information for a complete and comprehensive HRS package for this update.

**How long will it take to put HRS package together? Whose input and data will be part of that? How will it involve community input?**

We are working on the HRS package now and would like to have it ready to send to HQ by June/July. We will be using the data collected by the EPA removal program and the additional data that site assessment will be collecting in March. Regarding community input, we will be doing additional sampling on residential property so will need access from individuals. We also would appreciate community input on the use of the creek for fishing near the Shaffer property or anywhere downstream to the confluence of the New River. Once the site is proposed to the NPL, there will be a 60-day public comment period where the community can submit comments on whether the site should be placed on the NPL.

**What, if any is the different involvement of a community that might be place on the NPL?**

If the site is proposed, EPA would plan on having a public meeting during the 60-day public comment period and would encourage the community to submit comments on whether they support the listing.

The Community Involvement program strives to:

- Keep the community well-informed of ongoing and planned activities
- Encourage and enable community members to get involved
- Listen carefully to what the community is saying
- Collaborate with the community to address concerns
- Incorporate community input into planned actions
- Explain to the community what EPA has done and why

A variety of outreach tools are used to reach a diverse group of stakeholders

- Superfund Site Pages on EPA's website
- Fact sheets
- Door-to-door visits
- Availability Sessions/Public Meetings
- Community Involvement Plans
- Social media
- Community Advisory Groups (CAG) - made up of representatives of diverse community interests. Its purpose is to provide a public forum for community members to present and discuss their needs and concerns related to the Superfund decision-making process. A CAG can assist EPA in making better decisions on how to clean up a site.
- Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) - provide contract support for activities that promote conflict prevention, such as conducting community interviews, developing community profiles, and implementing community involvement plans.
- Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) - provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions.
- Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) - provide funding to community groups to contract their own technical advisor to interpret and explain technical reports, site conditions, and EPA's proposed cleanup proposals and decisions. An initial grant up to \$50,000 is available to qualified community groups.
- Translation
- Workshops



# EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

## Shaffer Equipment Company Site Public Meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to invite interested parties to the **Shaffer Equipment Company Site** public meeting to share the sampling results from the December 2017 sampling event and information about the upcoming site assessment investigation. EPA is contemplating a formal presentation, followed by a Question and Answer session open to all attendees. EPA has hired a third-party facilitator to reach out to community members for input on the meeting structure and content. Representatives from EPA, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and West Virginia Bureau of Public Health will also be available to speak with individuals one-on-one following the meeting if there are additional questions.

### You're invited to a public meeting:

**When:** Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5:30-9:30 pm

*Note: formal meeting to begin at 6:00 pm*

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Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:30am-12:30pm

*Note: formal meeting to begin at*

*9:00am*

**Where:** Minden Missionary Baptist Church  
22 Minden Church Rd.  
Minden, WV 25879

**For more information on the site:** [ [HYPERLINK](https://response.epa.gov/ShafferEquipmentCompany)  
"https://response.epa.gov/ShafferEquipmentCompany" ]

### Have further questions?

On-Scene Coordinator: Melissa Linden, 215-814-3263

**Protecting public health and the environment**

### Results of December 2017 Sampling Event

- EPA has received the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) sample results that were taken in the Minden, WV community from December 12-14, 2017. The purpose of this sampling effort was to further investigate areas sampled in June 2017 to confirm the presence of potential soil and sediment contamination. The June 2017 sampling effort was in response to concerns from residents about potential health effects from the former Shaffer Equipment Company property.
- EPA collected 37 surface soil samples and 27 sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek. These results to date do not indicate a threat to human health. Therefore, EPA does not anticipate the need to take any immediate action to address soils in the residential areas. Individual results are being provided to the property owners that have been sampled.
- The results of the sampling can be viewed at: [ [HYPERLINK "file:///C:/Users/Gsoscia/OneDrive%20-%20Environmental%20Protection%20Agency%20\(EPA\)/Documents/Sites/Shaffer%20Equipment/resp%20onse.epa.gov/ShafferEquipmentCompany"](file:///C:/Users/Gsoscia/OneDrive%20-%20Environmental%20Protection%20Agency%20(EPA)/Documents/Sites/Shaffer%20Equipment/resp%20onse.epa.gov/ShafferEquipmentCompany) ].

### EPA Next Steps

- In December 2017, EPA inspected the cap that was installed during a previous removal action. The inspection indicated repair to the cap is necessary. During the week of March 19th, EPA will survey the cap to develop a plan for repair of the cap.
- EPA will be conducting a site assessment to determine if the site could qualify for inclusion on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). The Superfund NPL is the list of hazardous waste sites in the U.S. that are eligible for federal funding to pay for investigation and potential, long-term cleanup actions. EPA, working closely with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), will be conducting an additional sampling effort beginning the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Soil samples will be collected from the Shaffer Equipment Company property and from residential properties; however, the exact number and locations of samples are still to be determined.
- The data from this sampling effort will be used to develop the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package for the Shaffer Equipment Site. Currently, there is insufficient data to determine if the Shaffer Equipment Site will qualify to be listed on the Superfund NPL. The HRS is a numerically based screening system that EPA uses to determine if the Site is eligible to be considered for the Superfund NPL.
- If a site has a high enough HRS score and meets all other criteria, EPA, with the agreement of the Governor, may propose the Site to be added to the Superfund NPL.
- Please refer to the attached information which describes the Site Assessment and process for listing a Site on the NPL.

### Please Join Us For a Public Meeting

EPA will be hosting meetings at the Minden Missionary Baptist Church, 22 Minden Church Road on Friday, March 16 from 5:30-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 17 from 8:30am to 12:30pm to share the results of the December 2017 sampling and discuss the upcoming sampling and next steps for the Shaffer Equipment Site. Representatives from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and West Virginia Bureau of Public Health (to be confirmed) will also be available to answer questions about sampling results and health concerns.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

March XX, 2018

**Ex. 6**

Dear **Ex. 6**

Thank you for allowing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sample your property **Ex. 6** on December 13, 2017. This soil sampling was part of EPA's ongoing investigation of the Shaffer Equipment Site designed to evaluate the potential need for removal action in Minden.

The soil sample from your property contains PCBs at 0.14 ppm. Results of the PCB analysis from the sample collected on your property are summarized in the attached table. We are pleased to inform you that these results do not pose an immediate threat to human health. Accordingly, no immediate action on your property will be necessary.

EPA will begin to assess the Shaffer Equipment site to determine if it qualifies to be placed on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).

EPA will be hosting two meetings at the Minden Missionary Baptist Church, 22 Minden Church Road on Friday, March 16 from 5:30-9:30 and Saturday, March 17 from 8:30am-12:30pm to share sampling results with the community from the latest round of soil sampling taken in Minden and explain the next steps in the site assessment process.

At these public meetings, representatives from EPA, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, WVDEP, and the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health will be available to answer questions about sampling results and health concerns. These public meetings will be held at:

Minden Missionary Baptist Church  
22 Minden Church Rd,  
Minden, WV 25875

Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:30 am -12:30 pm



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If you have questions in advance of the public meetings, please contact Ms. Melissa Linden at 215-814-3263 or Mr. Darriel Swatts at 215-814-5536.

We look forward to meeting with you soon to answer your questions in person and provide additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

Melissa Linden, On Scene Coordinator  
U.S. EPA Region 3

<b>Soil Sample Summary Table</b> <b>Sample Date – December 13, 2017</b> <b>Sample Number – SEC-SS-R2-01</b> <b>Matrix - Soil</b>		
<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Units</b>
Aroclor-1016	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1221	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1232	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1242	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1248	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1254	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1260	0.14	parts per million
Aroclor-1262	Not Detected	parts per million
Aroclor-1268	Not Detected	parts per million
<b>Total PCBs</b>	0.14	parts per million

PCBs are a class of organic compounds that have varying numbers of chlorine molecules. The individual chemicals that are included in this class of compounds are often referred to as Aroclors. When environmental samples are analyzed, the concentration of each detected Aroclor is generally reported. Adding the individual Aroclor concentrations reported by the lab results in a *total* PCB concentration.

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/8/2018 4:24:29 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. Justice says state will continue to rely on "the wisdom" of the EPA concerning Minden contamination issue

**Nancy Grantham**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
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**202-253-7056 (mobile)**

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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:22 AM  
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**Cc:** Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. Justice says state will continue to rely on "the wisdom" of the EPA concerning Minden contamination issue

FYI – Governor supports EPA



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, March 8, 2018

CONTACT: Butch Antolini, 304-890-2945, [Butch.Antolini@wv.gov](mailto:Butch.Antolini@wv.gov)

# **Gov. Justice says state will continue to rely on "the wisdom" of the EPA concerning Minden contamination issue**

*Says construction work on sewer line from old Arbuckle PSD sewer plant to Oak Hill sewer plant at Minden should proceed again immediately*

**CHARLESTON, WV** – In response to a report issued today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Gov. Jim Justice said the state of West Virginia will continue to rely on guidance from the federal agency as it relates to testing and assessment of PCB contamination in the Fayette County community of Minden.

"We have some good news here today in that the EPA has told us there is not an immediate threat to the public in Minden and that they are going to keep investigating to determine if there is any long term threat," said Gov. Justice. "Wisdom requires us to follow EPA's recommendations."

"We also have been told that after testing and sampling that there is no need to further delay work on construction of the sewer line running from the old Arbuckle PSD sewer plant to the Oak Hill sewer plant in Minden," Gov. Justice added. "So work there can proceed again immediately."

"We have acted promptly and appropriately to protect the citizens of Minden as we do all the time with every West Virginian."

Gov. Justice said he remains committed to having Minden added to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites if the EPA recommends it.

"While the EPA continues its investigation and work I am totally supportive of having it added



to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites if the EPA determines that it qualifies for that designation.”

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/9/2018 2:31:11 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: The "Rollout"

Just touched base with Karen and they are looking through the report provided by Lois Gibbs' expert. She is going to get back to me. Stay tuned

*Silvina Fonseca  
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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: The "Rollout"

All seems good except Lois Gibbs' science director has his own report that Minden has and it appears to skewer us. Silvina is talking to the Region today to hear their response. We need those answers before we hurt our arms patting ourselves on the back

Albert Kelly  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
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202 306 8830

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 7:17 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: The "Rollout"

**Nancy Grantham  
Office of Public Affairs  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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202-253-7056 (mobile)**

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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 6:53 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Libertz, Catherine <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>; White, Terri-A <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: The "Rollout"

Nancy/Robin – Below are some of the new outlets' coverage of the Minden announcement.

We feel we achieved our goal of communicating our key messages...

1. PCBs are at levels that do not indicate an immediate threat to human health. (primary message)
2. Public Meetings are scheduled to share results and next steps with residents.
3. The sewer line work should continue (Huge message since people thought EPA stalled the project; we did not)
4. We're starting the process to determine if the site qualifies for the NPL.

All of the coverage below mentions those aspects of key messaging; in addition, they also include the Governor's press release supporting "the wisdom" of EPA.

Thanks for all your help with this one, Nancy. I know there were many communication products that needed review and you were able to get that from all necessary offices/political appointees in HQ in an expedited manner.

Much appreciated.

joan

**Governor's Press Release:**

<https://governor.wv.gov/News/press-releases/2018/Pages/Gov.-Justice-says-state-will-continue-to-rely-on-the-wisdom-of-the-EPA-concerning-Minden-contamination-issue.aspx>

**WV Post Gazette:**

[https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/testing-in-minden-shows-toxin-levels-not-immediate-threat/article\\_5b284abd-8ae3-51f7-8e25-b9c044e04adc.html](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/testing-in-minden-shows-toxin-levels-not-immediate-threat/article_5b284abd-8ae3-51f7-8e25-b9c044e04adc.html)

**Beckley Herald:**

[http://www.register-herald.com/health/epa-tests-say-december-soil-samples-show-pcbs-pose-no/article\\_d395f90c-22f7-11e8-9d80-e7809726774f.html](http://www.register-herald.com/health/epa-tests-say-december-soil-samples-show-pcbs-pose-no/article_d395f90c-22f7-11e8-9d80-e7809726774f.html)

**Fox TV:** <http://www.wvnstv.com/local-news/fayette-county/gov-justice-gives-ok-to-restart-work-on-minden-sewer-plant/1021213424>

**WV Metro News:** <http://wvmetronews.com/2018/03/08/justice-responds-to-epas-results-of-minden-site-public-hearings-scheduled/>

Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/10/2018 9:43:35 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

Great

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Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2018 4:43 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

Oh, these were written instructions.

I'll take care of it Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 10, 2018, at 4:40 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

No. just a car. Cheaper and more efficient. If there is some problem with that I will rent one myself. Flying will take every bit as long and I will still need a car. Also, I think I said Comfort Inn in the town 2 miles away which I don't think is New River. Please straighten out before you leave Tuesday. You have to write these instructions clearly for Sharnett. You cannot rely on any verbal instructions

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 6:07 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

Does this work for Minden? I told her to get you a rental car out of union station, and she booked this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Willis, Sharnett" <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 9, 2018 at 5:54:01 PM EST

To: "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
Subject: FW: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

From: EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM [mailto:EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM]

Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 5:53 PM

To: Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>

Subject: Travel Itinerary for KELLY / ALBERT C

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#### Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

Traveler					
KELLY / ALBERT C					
Reference number by traveler: Not Applicable					
Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
03/16/2018	DCA-CRW	AA 5128*	Confirmed	09:07 AM/10:32 AM	Economy / G
03/16/2018	CRW	Enterprise Rent A Car	Confirmed	03/16-03/17	Compact 2/4 Door
03/16/2018	BKW	Comfort Inn New River	Confirmed	03/16-03/17	
03/17/2018	CRW-CLT	AA 5233*	Confirmed	04:00 PM/05:26 PM	Economy / G
03/17/2018	CLT-DCA	AA 856	Confirmed	08:40 PM/10:15 PM	Economy / G

#### AIR - Friday, March 16 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO

American Airlines Flight AA5128 Economy		
Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 09:07 AM Friday, March 16 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
Arrive:	Yeager Charleston, West Virginia, United States 10:32 AM Friday, March 16 2018	<a href="#">Weather</a>
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 25 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK	
Equipment:	Canadair Regional Jet	
*Operated By:	Psa Airlines As American Eagle	
Seat:	09F (Non smoking, Window) Confirmed	
Distance:	248 miles / 399.032 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	136.4 lbs/62 kgs	

#### CAR - Friday, March 16 2018

Enterprise Rent A Car	
Pick Up:	Yeager Arpt Terminal 171 Airport Road Charleston 25311-1056, WV, United States; Tel: +1 (304) 344-2660 10:32 AM Friday, March 16 2018
Drop Off:	Yeager Arpt Terminal 171 Airport Road Charleston 25311-1056, WV, United States; Tel: +1 (304) 344-2660 04:00 PM Saturday, March 17 2018
Type:	Compact Car Auto AC
Status:	Confirmed
Daily Rate:	USD 28.00
Extra Day Fee:	USD 66.00
Extra Day Allowance:	Unlimited Free Miles Per Extra Day

<b>Extra Hour Fee:</b>	USD 5.00
<b>Extra Hour Allowance:</b>	Unlimited Free Miles Per Extra Hour
<b>Mileage Allowance:</b>	Unlimited Free Miles
<b>Estimated Total:</b>	USD 86.73 plus tax and any additional fees
<b>Confirmation:</b>	1037104517COUNT
<b>Corp. Discount:</b>	XXXXYEP
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	Each gallon of unleaded gasoline consumed is 19.6 lbs/8.91 kgs and litre of petrol is 5 lbs/2.31 kgs

#### **HOTEL - Friday, March 16 2018**

<b>Comfort Inn New River</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	801 Mall Road Oak Hill, WV 25901 United States
<b>Tel:</b>	+1 (304) 574-8096
<b>Fax:</b>	+1 (304) 465-0017
<b>Check In/Check Out:</b>	Friday, March 16 2018 - Saturday, March 17 2018
<b>Status:</b>	Confirmed
<b>Number of Persons:</b>	1
<b>Number of Rooms:</b>	1
<b>Number of Nights:</b>	1
<b>Rate per night:</b>	USD 65.00 plus tax and any additional fees
<b>Guaranteed:</b>	Yes
<b>Confirmation:</b>	68066813
<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>	CANCEL BY 4 PM LOCAL HTL TIME DOA
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	Per night is approximately 63.8 lbs/29 kgs

#### **AIR - Saturday, March 17 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO**

<b>American Airlines Flight AA5233 Economy</b>	
<b>Depart:</b>	Yeager Charleston, West Virginia, United States 04:00 PM Saturday, March 17 2018 <a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Arrive:</b>	Charlotte Douglas Intl Charlotte, North Carolina, United States 05:26 PM Saturday, March 17 2018 <a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Duration:</b>	1 hour(s) and 26 minute(s) Non-stop
<b>Status:</b>	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK
<b>Equipment:</b>	Canadair Regional Jet 700
<b>*Operated By:</b>	<b>Psa Airlines As American Eagle</b>
<b>Seat:</b>	20C (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed
<b>Distance:</b>	221 miles / 355.589 kilometers
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	121.55 lbs/55.25 kgs

#### **AIR - Saturday, March 17 2018 - Agency Record Locator VM5BDO**

<b>American Airlines Flight AA856 Economy</b>	
<b>Depart:</b>	Charlotte Douglas Intl Charlotte, North Carolina, United States 08:40 PM Saturday, March 17 2018 <a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Arrive:</b>	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 10:15 PM Saturday, March 17 2018 <a href="#">Weather</a>
<b>Duration:</b>	1 hour(s) and 35 minute(s) Non-stop
<b>Total duration:</b>	<b>6 hour(s) and 15 minute(s) including layover(s)</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: VYGHPK
<b>Equipment:</b>	Airbus Industrie A320
<b>Seat:</b>	Assigned at Check-in
<b>Distance:</b>	331 miles / 532.579 kilometers
<b>CO2 Emissions:</b>	145.64 lbs/66.2 kgs
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 10:51:39 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call  
**Attachments:** Draft PR for Minden Sent to HQ.docx; Minden Sampling Results Comms Plan 3 2 18.docx; Minden QAs 03\_02.docx; 3-2-18 Minden Ad.docx; 3-1-18 Shaffer draft final Fact Sheet.docx; Shaffer Final Draft Residential Letter 3 2 18\_.docx

FYI .. do you all have any comments on these?

Kell has a call with Karen and Cosmo tomorrow at 8:30 am. – Kell, would you be okay with me sitting in on that – seems the most efficient way to keep this moving.

Thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**  
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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

FYI – Attached are the documents, Nancy.

Thanks.

joan

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dietz, Linda <Dietz.Linda@epa.gov>; Driscoll, Stacie <Driscoll.Stacie@epa.gov>; schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>; Gross, Bonnie <Gross.bonnie@epa.gov>; Burns, Francis <Burns.Fran@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

Cos and Jen, here is the email message and the attachments - kudos to everyone involved in getting these together. Let me know if you need anything else.

Kell, I like to talk with you on Monday, if possible, to update you on what will be happening in upcoming weeks regarding the Minden/Schaffer Site. As you know, we engaged a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to canvas the residents on their preferences for the format of the public meeting(s) to be held on March 16 and 17. They will be making calls next week. We will also be sending out to the property owners the results of our December sampling event. We will be issuing a press release announcing the availability of the data and the public meeting. We will be distributing Fact Sheets to Minden residents next week, as well, that also encourages their participation in the public meeting.

About the public meeting, in addition to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Facilitator, we are arranging to send 2 On-Scene Coordinators, 2 Site Assessment Managers, 2 Community Involvement Specialists, a Press Officer, a

Congressional Liaison, a Toxicologist and a representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and are waiting for participation confirmation from the state and or local Health Department. There will also be representation from the WV Department of Environmental Protection.

I am attaching our Communications Plan, Meeting Notice, Fact Sheet, Press Release and Public Meeting Notice, along with a Q/A document that is intended solely to inform regional response to any questions that may be posed by the press, Congressional delegations or the public. They should still be considered "draft," however, we do not expect that they will be subject to any dramatic changes. I am also attaching the letter we will be sending to the residents.

I will have my staff schedule a time for us to talk. Thanks.

Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/13/2018 9:51:21 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Touching base

Pleased to see Denise. Going to Minden April 9 & 10.

Albert Kelly  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:14 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Touching base

Denise Bode wants to come in person on Thursday.

Are you going to Minden.

Another buyer down here offering more.

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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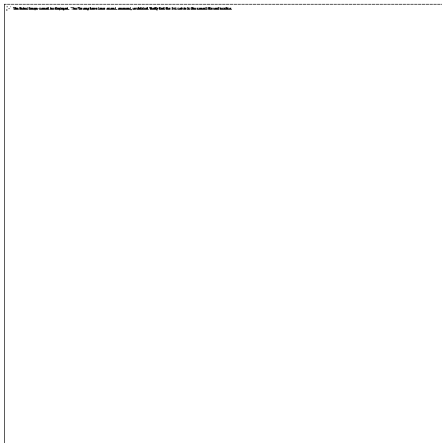
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**Sent:** 3/17/2018 2:14:11 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Beckley Register Herald

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "schafer, joan" <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 17, 2018 at 9:41:12 AM EDT  
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Libertz, Catherine" <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>, "White, Terri-A" <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Beckley Register Herald

Front page coverage of Minden meeting in local newspaper. FYI only.



## WE NEED JUSTICE FOR MINDEN

Residents plead with state and federal officials for help at meeting

**By Jessica Farrish**

REGISTER-HERALD REPORTER **minden** — A Republican Congressional hopeful joined Minden residents Friday in pleading with state and federal officials to help the citizens of this small Fayette County town, where the United States Environmental Protection Agency discovered PCB contamination more than 30 years ago.

Tearfully, sometimes angrily, residents of Minden stood one by one at the front of the New Beginning Apostolic Church and told gathered agents from EPA, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR), West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), the State Bureau of Public Health, West Virginia Cancer Registry and others that they watch family members and neighbors die of various cancers.

EPA officials said testing of soil in December does not show PCB contamination at a level that is dangerous to residents, but those in the room disagreed.

One by one, they closed their speeches with the same message.

"PCB kills communities," they said. "It's killing Minden.

"We need justice for Minden. Relocate us, now!"

Brandon Richardson, the founder of the grassroots environmental group Headwaters Defense, reported prior to the meeting that more than 120 cancer deaths have plagued Minden since 2015.

"THERE ARE A LOT OF SICK PEOPLE HERE, AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE TOLD THERE'S NO CORRELATION BETWEEN THE PCBS AND CANCER. THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE."

Annetta Coffman, Minden resident

Joan T. Schafer, Senior Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 3 Office of Communications and Government Relations  
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Message

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/20/2018 9:44:59 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx  
**Attachments:** 3\_22\_18 McKinley Minden memo V1.docx

Falvo,

Thanks for this. Attached is my initial run at the memo... It appears to me that I need some more info re. the Sewer Line and perhaps financial interests related to the rapids. If you could let me know where I am missing needed info that would be great.

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MInden.docx

Sorry guys, I'm having a hard time connecting to my outlook. Forwarding what Cos sent me without really being able to edit it.

Other notes:

With the current sampling data, there is no available action under the removal program. There will be additional testing on the full site assessment to see if the site can be ranked for the NPL.

Additional tour with Cosmo and Kell on April 9/10. Full site tour, meetings, etc.

there was a community meeting last Friday/Saturday.

Gov Justice has been very supportive.

R3 is compiling other programs that might be of assistance to the community, such as an EJ grant (while not assuring they'll get the money).

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Servidio, Cosmo" <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:04:31 PM CDT

**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** MInden.docx

**Meeting with  
Congressman David McKinley (WV-01)  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM**

**Main Topics of Discussion:**

- Minden Contaminated Site

**Background:**

- In June 2017, EPA took both surface soil and sediment samples in response to concerns from residents about potential health effects from the former Shaffer Equipment Company property.
- In December, 2017 EPA further investigated areas sampled in June 2017 to confirm the presence of potential soil and sediment contamination.
  - EPA officials took 37 surface soil samples and 27 sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek. Results, to date, continue to show PCBs, but do not indicate an imminent threat to human health.
- EPA does not anticipate the need to take immediate action to address soils in the residential areas.
- There will be additional testing on the full site assessment to see if the site can be ranked for the NPL.

**Sewer Line:**

- Sewage was going into a creek that was used for fishing.
- After a brief stoppage in work on the sewer line, work on the line has resumed.
- Based on all sampling results available at this time, there is no need to further delay the construction of the force main sewer line.

**Taking Points:**

- **Engagement:**
  - Regional Staff are still actively attending community meetings including the most recent meeting last Friday/Saturday.
  - RA Cosmo Servidio and Kell Kelly attending a meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - R3 is compiling other programs that might be of assistance to the community, such as an EJ grant (while not assuring they'll get the money).

**Attendees:**

Troy Lyons, AA, OCIR;  
Kell Kelly, SA, OA;  
Tate Bennett, AA, OPE



Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/20/2018 7:42:08 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Call w/Rep. McKinley Thursday

Not a problem.

-Aaron

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:42 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Call w/Rep. McKinley Thursday

Sure. Mind if I touch base with Karen Melville in the Region, or speak with Cosmo here in StP?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 2:40 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Looping in C-Rod. Can you send him something we can include in the meeting memo?

-Aaron

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:40 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Call w/Rep. McKinley Thursday

More a Potential SF than brownfield.

It's a Contaminated PCB soil/water issue in southwest WV. More or less, of our initial 37 samples, only one came back at an actionable level. Of our initial sediment sampling came back with only one (of 27) as actionable.

The state did their own sampling and I think their results came back saying the levels were elevated, but not an immediate health risk.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 2:33 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

I assume, is that the brownfield site?

-Aaron

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:10 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Call w/Rep. McKinley Thursday

Assume this is regarding Minden?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 1:41 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Kell, wanted to see if you had details on this call the admin has scheduled for this Thursday with the Congressman. Happy to draft up the meeting memo!

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

W: 202.564.4373  
[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/20/2018 11:30:17 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Kell has Requested a Briefing

Does McKinney represent Minden? He does represent Weirton. I need a status report after the contentious meetings reported in Minden please.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2018, at 5:28 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Roger that.  
I'll let them know Thursday works.

I've been working with Karen, Cos, and Christian to get a briefing paper for the Administrator on Minden for his Thursday cal with Rep McKinley.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 6:26 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

If the airport is open I land at 10 tomorrow (Wednesday) night

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 20, 2018, at 2:30 PM, Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

Are you back?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hilosky, Nick" <[Hilosky.Nick@epa.gov](mailto:Hilosky.Nick@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:25:33 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Kell has Requested a Briefing

Hi Nick,  
Hope you've been well. I believe you are at ECOS, but in case you are checking email I'm circling back on the Bonita Peak briefing. Did you want this to come from our calendar or Kell's calendar? I'm happy to have it come from our end if easier. If not, would you please add Barry and Steven to the invite.

Talk soon,  
Nick

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Office of Land and Emergency Management  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.

Washington, DC 20460  
ph: 202-566-1942; fax: 202-566-0207  
mobile: 202-368-0724

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**From:** Schutz, Michelle  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 11:59 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Woolford, James <[Woolford.James@epa.gov](mailto:Woolford.James@epa.gov)>; Stalcup, Dana <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)>; Wallace-Wilson, Barbara <[Wallace-Wilson.Barbara@epa.gov](mailto:Wallace-Wilson.Barbara@epa.gov)>; Gartner, Lois <[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov)>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov](mailto:Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Kell has Requested a Briefing

Hi Nick,

I hope that this finds you doing well.

Recently, Kell requested a meeting with OSRTI on the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD). Here is the meeting information:

Invitees: Jim Woolford, Dana Stalcup, Schatzi Fitz-James, Jennifer Hovis, Shahid Mahmud, Jennifer Wendel, Melanie Keller, Doug Ammon  
Cc: Lois Gartner, Barbara Wallace-Wilson, Michelle Schutz  
Time Requested: 1 hour  
Subject: Bonita Peak Mining District – Gladstone Interim Water Treatment Plant and the RI  
Date: Thursday, March 22, if possible

We are requesting a call-in number as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be sending the briefing materials over tomorrow morning.

Thank you.

Michelle

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Michelle Schutz | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation | 703.603.8708 | [schutz.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:schutz.michelle@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/23/2018 2:35:34 AM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week

Hi Nick can you include Jim and Barry on this? Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hilosky, Nick" <Hilosky.Nick@epa.gov>  
**Date:** January 22, 2018 at 5:46:07 PM EST  
**To:** "Fonseca, Silvina" <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Brooks, Becky" <Brooks.Becky@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week

Yes to Jim and Barry attending.

Nick

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**From:** Hilosky, Nick  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:25 PM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Brooks, Becky <Brooks.Becky@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week

I think Jim and Barry were going to connect on it. Just been in meetings nonstop.

Nick

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2018, at 3:47 PM, Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov> wrote:

Any decisions on this? Need to know as soon as possible.

Thanks!

*Silvina Fonseca  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Desk: 202.564.1955  
Cell: 202.306.6844*

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 6:39 PM  
**To:** Hilosky, Nick <Hilosky.Nick@epa.gov>; Brooks, Becky <Brooks.Becky@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting with Lois Gibbs next week

Hi Nick and Becky,

Lois Gibbs is coming in with several community representatives to meet with Kell and others here in the AO next Wednesday. The Administrator may stop in and meet the group. We want to invite Barry to the meeting and potentially others from OLEM/OSRTI such as Ellen Manges, James Woolford and Helen Duteau. Let me know what you both think, or if you would like to ask Barry for his preference.

Also, I think that it would be helpful for us to have the most recent fact sheet/hot sites write ups for the sites that these folks represent. The one pagers for the most recent hearing would suffice. The sites represented are:

San Jacinto,  
Westlake  
Tar Creek  
Hoosick Falls  
CTS Asheville and  
Minden, West VA (don't know if we have one on this or not)

Thanks and have a great weekend!

*Silvina Fonseca*  
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*Cell: 202.306.6844*

Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/22/2018 10:22:47 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Why did he send this?

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Washington, DC 20460  
202 306 8830

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:31 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MInden.docx

From Cos.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Servidio, Cosmo" <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:04:31 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** MInden.docx

Message

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**From:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/21/2018 2:46:25 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Is this a test? □ I'll have to get back to you.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 21, 2018, at 10:15 AM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

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> City of Weirton WV?  
>

> Sent from my iPhone  
>

>> On Mar 21, 2018, at 9:13 AM, Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:

>>  
>> We had a "request for support" of an application from the Congressman, and sent our typical response-  
that we would evaluate it as we do other applications. We get these requests a lot from elected  
officials. Let me know if you need anything else.

>>  
>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>

>>> On Mar 21, 2018, at 10:10 AM, Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov> wrote:

>>>  
>>> So we had a bit of a false alarm/bad information. The Congressman wants to talk about a brownfield  
application, not Minden.

>>>  
>>> Nonetheless, thanks for the help on this.  
>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>

>>>> On Mar 20, 2018, at 3:12 PM, Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:

>>>>  
>>>> Sure! If it's in the next 15 minutes!

>>>>  
>>>> Karen Melvin, Director  
>>>> Hazardous Site Cleanup Division  
>>>> US EPA, Region 3  
>>>> 1650 Arch Street  
>>>> Philadelphia, PA 19103  
>>>> 215-814-3275  
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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Falvo, Nicholas  
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:48 PM  
>>>> To: Melvin, Karen <Melvin.Karen@epa.gov>  
>>>> Subject: Minden  
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>>>> Would you have a couple minutes in what's left of today touch base on Minden?

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone



Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/22/2018 10:24:02 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Again, why would anything be prepared? This is not McKinney's issue

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:32 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden

What Christian and Aaron are preparing for the administrator.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rodrick, Christian" <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 4:45:21 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Sorry—this is the version you want.

*Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MInden.docx

Falvo,

Thanks for this. Attached is my initial run at the memo... It appears to me that I need some more info re. the Sewer Line and perhaps financial interests related to the rapids. If you could let me know where I am missing needed info that would be great.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA  
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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MInden.docx

Sorry guys, I'm having a hard time connecting to my outlook. Forwarding what Cos sent me without really being able to edit it.

Other notes:

With the current sampling data, there is no available action under the removal program. There will be additional testing on the full site assessment to see if the site can be ranked for the NPL.

Additional tour with Cosmo and Kell on April 9/10. Full site tour, meetings, etc.

there was a community meeting last Friday/Saturday.

Gov Justice has been very supportive.

R3 is compiling other programs that might be of assistance to the community, such as an EJ grant (while not assuring they'll get the money).

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**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 3:04:31 PM CDT  
**To:** "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** MInden.docx

Message

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/27/2018 9:19:28 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Minden

Need to coordinate this. I will drive from DC that day.

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 2:35 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Kell

We are working on the 5th and the 6th with the local legislator and community. I'll let you know ASAP if we are able to coordinate.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2018, at 3:10 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Cos. Sorry for the change of dates. Let me know what works when you know. Have a good time off

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Kell

Rescheduling is not. Problem. I'll get back to you on dates, since we were coordinating with the community, officials. Below is a summary of actions to date.

I'm on leave this week, but available by phone or email. Please let me know if you want to talk this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Cos

The March 16 and 17 public meetings and subsequent interactions with community members suggest significantly improved communication and trust between the agency and the community. This was strengthened by Site Assessment's willingness to sample the soil on any property whose owner requested it, regardless of their proximity to the site.

## **SAMPLING EVENT FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19th**

### Samples Summary

- 18 residential properties were sampled (total 33 samples; 1-3 samples/property),
- 6 sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek,
- 12 on-site (Shaffer facility) soil samples - 5 from the former removal excavated areas, 4 along the perimeter of the cap and 3 upgradient from the site including the area where there was a 54 ppm hit of PCBs.
- 1 soil sample from the power house area (potential PCB source area) located ¾ miles downgradient from Shaffer.

### Timeline

- March 18 and 19 - collected access agreements, performing site recon, and collecting HRS information (i.e., # residents living in each household, anyone fishing/catching other animals in the creek)
- March 20 - sampling event consisted of sediment samples taken from Arbuckle Creek, as well as soil samples taken from residences and from the site itself.
- March 22 – samples shipped to lab
- April 13 – preliminary results expected (14 days)
- June 13 – validated data results expected (90 days)

## **NPL/HRS NEXT STEPS**

During the public meeting, Minden residents had mentioned other areas aside from Shaffer where PCBs might be a concern – slag piles from Shaffer that were burnt up on a ridge, an old powerhouse area where PCB transformers were allegedly buried, mines where equipment containing PCBs may remain which vent to Arbuckle Creek or nearby, manholes that may contain PCBs in the sediments. Our initial plan was to list

Shaffer Equipment as the site, which would include the Shaffer property and the residential areas downstream affected by sediments from Arbuckle Creek during flooding episodes. The March 19 sampling event focused on the two pathways we are scoring for HRS purposes – surface water/sediments and soil exposure. We sampled additional residences near Arbuckle Creek and took more sediment samples of the creek where it enters the New River Gorge National River Park. We also took additional samples on the Shaffer property and one sample near the powerhouse area. We told the residents that additional sampling of potential source areas will be scheduled in coordination with WVDEP in the near future.

**Please note we still need to have internal EPA discussions about the next steps with the listing.**

As a result of information we received during the public meeting, and residents' concerns that Shaffer is not the only issue, we are rethinking how we might score the site. If we list the site as Shaffer Equipment, that may limit the remedial program's ability to address other potential sources and other potential contaminants of concern beside PCBs in the area. If we list Arbuckle Creek as the site as opposed to Shaffer Equipment, we can include Shaffer along with any other potential sources that might be affecting the creek. Minden is in a valley, so these other potential source areas, including the mines, would most likely drain into the Arbuckle Creek eventually. Listing Arbuckle as opposed to Shaffer would not involve additional time in preparing the HRS package and so our goal would continue to be a proposal in the Fall of 2018. This new scoring strategy has not been shared with the community and has not yet been approved by HSCD management.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2018, at 1:43 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Cos, I would still like to visit about Minden sometime when you have time. Also, I was wondering if we could move our planned trip to either the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I need to be in Montana on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

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Message

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/28/2018 7:21:45 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Hi-

Thanks for the travel info. There is one good option in Oak Hill- I'll ask Rhonda to provide you with the information.  
Jen

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 3:08 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Thank you Jennifer.

I'll be traveling with Kell on the trip. We'll be renting a car and driving the 5+ hours from DC, so we'll probably be arriving into Minden around the same time as Cos. Do you have any information on hotels?

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Thank you Jenifer. This will work

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**From:** Fields, Jenifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden

Kell,

Good Afternoon. My name is Jenifer Fields and I serve as Cosmo's Chief of Staff. Cosmo has asked me to coordinate the plans for next week's visit to Minden. The plans have shifted slightly from the preliminary plan Cosmo shared with you.

Cosmo's flight into Charleston on April 5<sup>th</sup> arrives late afternoon (earliest available). We are coordinating with State Senator Baldwin who has offered to take the lead in hosting an evening meeting between State Health officials, DEP, EPA and legislators. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange a community health event, and to collaborate on federal, state and local resources/programs in support of that event.

The following morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, could be used as an opportunity for you both to drive through the community and meet with a few residents one-on-one. It could also be an opportunity to mention the coordination of a *Wellness Outreach*

*and Resource Open House* later in the Spring. The advantage of meeting with residents after the coordination meeting is that we could message on forward progress: We heard you clearly at the public meetings. Health is a big concern. While we continue to work on the site investigation, we will also work with local officials to facilitate coordination among a broader group of agencies with responsibilities for public health.

For the health event itself, tentatively proposed for late April, we would be asking the health agency to conduct a survey of the residents, in advance, to inform the event planners. This would give all of the residents equal standing in their needs, and be a more complete assessment than the information gathered at the public meeting, in which not everyone attended/participated. The proposed event could then be tailored, based on the survey results and input from support agencies, to include programs that are geared to either limiting unhealthy exposure, or improving health in this community. This event will support the introduction and participation of health agencies that may have had limited to no involvement in Minden to date.

As far as the site investigation, following the public meetings March 16-17, we began additional sampling in the area, which included the Shaffer site, private residences and the Arbuckle Creek. These results are expected back mid-June. We are also coordinating further sampling areas with WV DEP. We can anticipate another public meeting once all results are back. Once we are satisfied with site assessment sampling, the data will be used for HRS purposes.

We will forward a final agenda, once coordination is complete. Below is the draft.

#### **Draft Agenda- Minden**

##### **April 5**

**Arrival:** 4-5pm

**Meeting: 7 pm**                      Location- TBD (Greater Oak Hill Area)  
   Attendees- Legislators, DEP, EPA, Health Officials  
   Purpose -Coordinate a Wellness Outreach and Resource Open House

Hotel in Oak Hill overnight

##### **April 6**

**Minden On-site:**              Visit with residents and time permitting, tour landmarks:  
   Shaffer Equipment Company Site  
   The Cap  
   Decommissioned Minden water treatment site  
   Oak Hill Sewer Line Project  
   Arbuckle Creek

**Depart for Airport:**        **10 am**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jen

Jenifer Fields, Chief of Staff  
EPA Region 3 (3RA00)  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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## Appointment

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 4/3/2018 1:19:44 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden  
**Start:** 4/5/2018 4:00:00 AM  
**End:** 4/6/2018 4:00:00 AM  
**Show Time As:** Free

## Appointment

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=424AC90EA7D8494A93209D14D37F2946-FALVO, NICH]  
**Sent:** 4/3/2018 1:19:50 PM  
**To:** Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden  
**Start:** 4/6/2018 4:00:00 AM  
**End:** 4/7/2018 4:00:00 AM  
**Show Time As:** Free

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**From:** Kelly, Albert [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=08576E43795149E5A3F9669726DD044C-KELLY, ALBE]  
**Sent:** 3/31/2018 4:09:33 PM  
**To:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV Visit

I appreciate your points and perhaps I can come another day later in the year but in the near term this is the only time I can come. If you prefer I not come now I will delete the trip.

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [mailto:headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 31, 2018 12:01 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
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**Sent:** 4/2/2018 1:56:58 PM  
**To:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Subject:** RE: [SPAM-Sender] Re: Minden, WV Visit

My understanding was that was to be Thursday night. I will confirm and let you know

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Do you plan on having evening public meetings Thursday and Friday?

-Brandon

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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 1:51:31 AM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden visit - community is very excited

I would appreciate a call. I am going alone. Everyone cancelled on me and thought I would but I am not

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Lois

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**Sent:** 1/9/2018 4:54:23 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Google Alert - Superfund

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Google Alert - Superfund

Kell, here is updated information for you concerning the Minden Site.

As you are aware, four samples from the EPA sampling event in June 2017 were above the 1 part per million (ppm) removal screening level. Two of those samples were sediment samples from Arbuckle Creek. There were two surface soil samples on residential properties with results above 1 ppm screening level. EPA collected additional sediment and surface soil samples in December 2017 to further investigate these areas, but the analytical results from that sampling event are not expected to be available until the end of February. EPA will review the sampling results to help determine possible next steps for the removal program.

As you may also be aware, WV approached us and requested that they utilize cooperative agreement funding for sampling at the site, so that the additional sampling can be used for including in a Hazard Ranking Score package for consideration of the site for the National Priorities List. We have advised WV that they need to revise the approved work plan under the cooperative agreement to fund this additional sampling. In the interim and with regard to the potential for the site to become an NPL Site, we are proactively developing a site characterization form in preparation for the next NPL panel call on February 6. Sites discussed on this call would include those that could possibly be included on the September 2018 NPL proposal. Sites can be dropped off of this list, so it's not a commitment to list the site in September, but on the other hand, if we do want to have it listed in September, then we need to have Shaffer be a part of this panel call. There will likely be additional analytical or sampling information to support this effort, and we have a follow up call with our contractor to review the existing pre-Remedial data we currently have. We actually may not need much more data to score the site and can factor in that additional data that the state has offered to collect.

A public meeting is being planned for the end of February or early March. The Division's Community Involvement Branch is meeting next week with HQ and the Conflict Resolution and Prevention Center to discuss having a facilitator at the next Minden public meeting.

WVVA TV Station is looking to do a follow up story on the Minden site. With HQ's approval, the Regional Administrator, Cosmo Servidio, will be doing an phone interview with the reporter. Responses to the submitted questions will be prepared by Wednesday morning.

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen <[Melvin.Karen@epa.gov](mailto:Melvin.Karen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Google Alert - Superfund

Thanks Karen

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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>; Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Google Alert - Superfund

Kell, I am running down some information and will get back to you asap.

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Hello Karen and Cosmo, see the article on Minden. Any updated information on this?

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## Superfund

Daily update - January 8, 2018

### NEWS

#### NZ Super Fund on the hunt for new CEO

New Zealand Herald

**NZ Super Fund** on the hunt for new CEO. 8 Jan, 2018 1:00pm. 3 minutes to read. Current CEO Adrian Orr will be taking over the reins at the reserve bank from late March. Photo/Dean Purcell. APNZ-BUSINESSDESK. Share via email Share on Facebook Share on Twitter Show more Bookmark this article.

NZ Super Fund seeks recruiter to help find new chief by mid-May - sharechat

Full Coverage

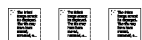


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#### New Zealand Super Fund has more than doubled in the past decade

Stuff.co.nz

The **Super Fund** is currently worth about \$37 billion but could have been worth \$60b had capital contributions continued. The **NZ Super Fund** was set up in 2002 by the previous Labour government to help smooth the looming rise in state pension costs, but National ceased payments when it came into ...

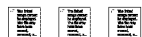


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The National Business Review

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NZCity

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## New Jersey Needs to Pull Pension Money from Polluters

TAPinto.net

With more **Superfund** sites than any state in the nation, New Jersey has a significant interest in standing up to companies that seek to dodge their liabilities. If companies responsible for pollution are able to avoid the expense of cleaning up their toxic mess without consequence, other companies might ...



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## EPA cuts threaten our health, economy

Albuquerque Journal

Remarkably, the administration and its allies are also seeking deep cuts in money to clean up hazardous **Superfund** sites, including a deep cut to emergency response funds that help clean up the most urgent threats. New Mexico has 20 hazardous waste sites on the EPA's **Superfund** Priorities List and ...



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## EPA mandate on manure air emissions stayed for now

Scottsbluff Star Herald

... Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as the "**Superfund**" law), and Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). Specifically, the rule exempted farms releasing hazardous substances from animal waste to the air above ...



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## Government urged to create impact investment fund

InvestorDaily

QBE Insurance announced a \$100 million allocation to social impact bonds in 2014, and industry **super fund** HESTA launched a Social Impact Investment Trust in 2015 that committed \$30 million to invest in housing, employment, health and education. Ten per cent of Christian **Super's funds** under ...



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## This Town Is So Toxic, They Want It Wiped Off the Map

Mother Jones

Meanwhile, Minden residents have been lobbying to be put on the EPA's **Superfund** National Priorities List. **Superfund** is a program that identifies and cleans up toxic sites around the country. West Virginia currently has 10 such sites, but in order to be added to the list, the EPA must decide if the site is ...



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MSN.com

The New Zealand Superannuation Fund aims to replace its outgoing chief executive by enlisting the help of a recruiter.



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**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting

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**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 3:24:41 PM EDT  
**To:** [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)  
**Subject:** Meeting

Remember tonight. I was redeployed here. Unavoidable. I pledged to Brandon that I would come to Minden myself the first part of May. So you will be back. Also remember you represent the Administrator tonight and express his concern for the people. We work for them.

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**Sent:** 4/8/2018 3:08:35 AM  
**To:** **Ex. 6**

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<https://thinkprogress.org/epa-superfund-official-visits-minden-west-virginia-63704c2946d4/>

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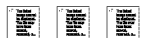
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### NEWS

#### Contaminated: Rockford man says toxic groundwater gave him cancer

WREX-TV

Thousands of people in Rockford, exposed to dangerous chemicals through their drinking water. That's a story we first brought you last May -- about the Southeast Rockford **Superfund** site. An area where the ground water was contaminated after years of dumping by local manufacturers. After our story ...

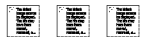


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ThinkProgress

Albert Kelly, senior adviser for the agency's **Superfund** program, stayed behind in Washington to help Pruitt deal with the fallout from the barrage of controversies facing the administrator. Instead, the EPA sent Kelly's top assistant, Nick Falvo, to Minden, West Virginia, to hear from residents about why they ...



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#### Resources for Doing Business in the United States - Installment #11- Environmental Protection

JD Supra (press release)

One might think that a party not at fault for creating contamination would be safe, but that's not always the way U.S. law works when it comes to **Superfund** sites. These are sites around the U.S. where hazardous substances in the environment threaten human health or the environment, and clean-up is ...



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## Community response to a sustainable restoration plan for a **superfund** site

[Springer Link](#)

Consequently, these areas turned into degraded, marginal lands and were collectively classified as a Torch Lake **Superfund** site by the US EPA. Due to the lack of vegetative cover, the Cu-rich stamp sands eroded into the lakes, affecting the aquatic life. To alleviate this issue, a sustainable restoration ...



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Hello Ms. Jenkins, I wanted to follow up on your invitation to come to Minden. Please give me a couple dates that might work for your team and we will see what we can do

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**Sent:** 2/13/2018 8:43:05 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]; Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. halts Minden sewer project

So what does this mean for us?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:41 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Falvo, Nicholas <falvo.nicholas@epa.gov>  
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**Nancy Grantham**  
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**From:** schaffer, joan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:30 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** FW: Gov. halts Minden sewer project

FYI

***Governor's Press Release:***

***Governor Justice Orders Halt to Sewer Line Project in Minden***

2/12/2018

**CHARLESTON, WV** – Gov. Jim Justice said today that construction on a sewer line running from the old Arbuckle PSD sewer plant to the Oak Hill sewer plant in Fayette County has been stopped immediately pending a final report expected later this month or in early March from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Representatives from the Justice Administration met with concerned citizens in Minden on Monday and Gov. Justice made his decision immediately following the conclusion of that meeting.

“Again, it is my priority to protect the health of all West Virginians and we are stopping this sewer line extension until we know more about the situation,” Gov. Justice said.

Monday’s decision follows an announcement last week that Gov. Justice intends to support an expected recommendation from the EPA to have an area in Minden added to the National Priorities List for designation as a Superfund clean-up site.

For more than 25 years the EPA has been in control of the former Shaffer Equipment location in Minden to address contamination and remediation.

“It’s a shame that this has been going on for decades and that it hasn’t been fixed,” Gov. Justice said. “We want it taken care of right this time and I intend to see that through.”

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**Sent:** 2/13/2018 10:30:48 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a Call w/ R3 RA (Feb. 14)

Ok. 830

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**From:** Purnell, Rhonda **On Behalf Of** Servidio, Cosmo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Request for a Call w/ R3 RA (Feb. 14)

Hello: EPA Region 3 RA, Cosmo Servidio would like to have a brief call (re: Minden) with you, if possible, tomorrow – February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 or 9:00. Please let us know if you would be available.

Thanks,  
*Rhonda Purnell, Staff Assistant*  
*Office of the Regional Administrator*  
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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 11:15:27 AM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]; Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden

Any update on timeframe for the Minden meeting?

Sent from my iPad

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**Sent:** 1/25/2018 10:19:30 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for meeting with us yesterday  
**Attachments:** Thank you to Scott Pruitt Albert Kelly.pdf

Just wanted to be sure you had this

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**From:** Lois Gibbs [mailto:lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:13 PM  
**To:** Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you for meeting with us yesterday

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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 11:42:32 AM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Thanks Cos. I look forward to our call.

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:37 AM, Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Also, we had a very good call with WVDEP last week to coordinate our response accordingly.

I'll have my assistant schedule a time for us to talk.

Thanks.

Cos

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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 11:52:39 AM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting

Hello, it appears there will be two Minden public meetings. One the evening of the 16th and the second the morning of the 17th. I am awaiting a call to discuss the plans for these meetings

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> Please let me know if any of these dates work for you. If not we can find other dates. I'm happy you are going to visit Minden and Hoosick Falls they are at critical junctures. Please do let me know when you have confirm the dates for travel and I may attend as well.  
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> Stephen and Teresa from our offices are looking at your new webpage to provide some feedback. We've encouraged our leaders to review it as well. We will soon provide those comments for you. Lastly, there is a small group of community leaders who are discussing the Technical Assistance Grants program and will soon be in touch with you about their questions and concerns.  
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> Thank you again for reaching out to us.  
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> Lois  
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> From: Kelly, Albert [mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
> Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 8:51 AM  
> To: Lois Gibbs  
> Subject: Meeting  
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> Hello Ms. Gibbs, hope you are well. I was thinking we ought to set a time and place for our April meeting. I don't think we ever did so.  
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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 6:28:01 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Request for a brief discussion (Re: Minden)

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I'll call you. What time do you prefer?

Cos

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On Mar 5, 2018, at 1:22 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Should I call you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 11:50 AM, Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kell

Eastern time. Hopefully, that works for you. If not, please let me know what does.

Thanks

Cos

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 11:18 AM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Eastern time? By phone?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 10:16 AM, Servidio, Cosmo <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello, Cosmo Servidio, Region 3 RA would like to request a brief discussion on Minden tomorrow, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 or 8:30 am with Mr. Kelly. Please let us know if Mr. Kelly available at your earliest convenience.

Thanks, Rhonda

*Rhonda Purnell, Staff Assistant*



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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 6:35:32 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

Let me circle in with n this

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On Mar 5, 2018, at 12:26 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: For Kell: Minden Information/request for a conference call

FYI – Attached are the documents, Nancy.  
Thanks.  
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**From:** Melvin, Karen  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dietz, Linda <Dietz.Linda@epa.gov>; Driscoll, Stacie <Driscoll.Stacie@epa.gov>; schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>; Gross, Bonnie <Gross.bonnie@epa.gov>; Burns, Francis <Burns.Fran@epa.gov>  
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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 9:42:19 PM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting

How about 230. I would appreciate if you would draft a proposed agenda

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> On Mar 5, 2018, at 3:35 PM, Lois Gibbs <lgibbs@chej.org> wrote:  
>  
> April 19th seems to work with folks. Thank you for agreeing to host the meeting at your offices. Afternoon works better for leaders traveling into town is there a good time that afternoon to meet for you? I'd be happy to draft an agenda if you like or you can take the lead on that if you'd rather.  
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**Sent:** 3/8/2018 11:13:47 PM  
**To:** Stephen Lester [slester@chej.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Thank you Dr. Lester. I am puzzled how the results you have outlined can be so different from what I am told were the EPA results. I obviously have more work to do.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:17 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Minden, WV

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Stephen

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**Sent:** 3/8/2018 11:16:08 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]; Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Minden, WV  
**Attachments:** CHEJ Letter Report March 2018.docx

This comes from Lois Gibbs' science director. This is what we will contend with in the Minden meeting. Just wanted you all to be aware.

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March 8, 2018

Susie Worley-Jenkins  
Minden, WV

Re: Testing of PCBs Along Proposed Sewer Line in Minden, WV

Dear Susie:

I have completed my review of the Letter Report prepared by the Thrasher Group dated November 29, 2017. This report describes the testing results for samples collected from surface soil along the main route of the proposed sewer line in Minden, WV. The samples were analyzed only for one form of PCBs, Aroclor 1260, the most common form of PCBs found in testing conducted by Tech Law in June 2017 for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A total of 27 surface soil "grab" samples were collected by Thrasher and analyzed by REI Consultants (Letter Report, p. 2).

I have the following comments on the data presented in this letter report.

- 1.) Nine (9) of the 27 samples had PCB levels ranging from 77.3 to 329 parts per billion (ppb). The remaining samples were non-detect.
- 2.) The PCBs concentration in two samples (TTG-SS7 and TTG-SS8) exceeded the USEPA Region 3 health-based Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 of 240 ppb. See [ [HYPERLINK "https://semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/197029.pdf"](https://semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/197029.pdf) ].
- 3.) Sample TTG-SS8 is located close to samples SS-26 and SS-27 which were collected by Tech Law for EPA in June 2017. The level of PCBs in both these samples (SS-26 had 660 ppb and SS-27 had 350 ppb) exceeded the Region 3 EPA Regional Screening Level for residential soil. Together these 3 samples indicate that there is significant PCBs contamination in this area.
- 4.) The 27 soil samples collected by Thrasher were limited to surface soil grab samples that likely did not go any deeper than 3 to 6 inches. Grab samples are typically collected from a single location in a single scooping motion, generally from the top 3 to 6 inches of soil. The Thrasher Letter Report, however, does not state how deep the surface samples were collected nor does it provide any description of how the samples were collected. This is a concern since the proposed sewer line will be dug significantly deeper (likely to a depth of 6 to 8 feet) depending on the design specifications.
- 5.) The Thrasher report uses the USEPA "environmental risk" level of 1 part per million (ppm) as the cleanup standard of choice and ignores the more health protective health-based values of 240 ppb, the Regional Screening Level for residential soil derived by the USEPA Region 3 and the 330 ppb cleanup level for residential soil derived by the WV

Department of Environmental Protection. Both the Region 3 EPA and the WV DEP values are health-based while the 1 ppm (or 1,000 ppb) value is a performance target that is not as protective of public health. A performance standard is a practical cleanup goal that allows various remedial actions, including the use of institutional controls, to be used to achieve a cleanup goal. It is not health based. Because of the longstanding concern about PCB exposures in Minden and the close proximity of homes with families along the route of the proposed sewer line, the more protective guidance values are more appropriate. In addition, since this is a USEPA-lead site, it would make good sense to use the USEPA health-based Regional Screening Level for PCBs in residential soil at this site.

- 6.) Thrasher suggests using directional drilling (Letter Report, p. 1) in an area of the proposed sewer line route where testing conducted by Tech Law in June (sample SS-44) exceeded the EPA "environmental risk" guideline of 1 ppm (or 1,000 ppb). This is inappropriate. Additional testing, including surface and subsurface soil samples, should be conducted to determine the extent of PCBs contamination in this area. Any contamination that exceeds the EPA Regional Screening Levels of 240 ppb should be removed before excavation and construction begins.
- 7.) If the proposed sewer line is to be backfilled with stone, as is common practice, caution should be used to guard against the pipeline serving as a conduit for PCBs that might enter the stones that surround the pipes and run along the pipeline during flooding events. This has occurred at other sites when chemicals moved laterally from a contaminated site and were intercepted by the storm sewer lines in the community. In this instance, flooding from the creek could result in mobilization of PCBs that could enter the pipeline and move along its pathway through the loose stones surrounding the pipes.

Based on these findings and conclusions, I offer the following recommendations:

- 1.) Additional testing for PCBs should be conducted along the route of the proposed sewer line to a depth at least equal to the depth of the proposed sewer line. This is reasonable because there are homes immediately adjacent to the location of the proposed sewer line and this area has a history of flooding. The flooding would have spread PCBs contamination from nearby Arbuckle Creek emptying into the New River.
- 2.) The USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 in residential soil of 240 ppb should be used to guide cleanup decisions at this site. This value is health-based and was derived to protect public health. The EPA's 1 ppm performance standard should not be used in this instance. This value is based more on technological efficiency and practicality and is not as protective of public health.
- 3.) Locations where test results exceed the USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 in residential soil of 240 ppb should be targeted for additional testing in both surface and subsurface soil to determine the extent of PCB contamination in these

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areas. This would include the testing done by Tech Law in June for EPA (see tables blow for a summary of the testing conducted for EPA in June 2017).

- 4.) Any PCB contamination found in surface or subsurface soil or sediment that exceeds the USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 in residential soil of 240 ppb should be removed before excavation and construction begins.

Since that report was written, additional testing was conducted by the USEPA Region 3, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and by Thrasher for the Oak Hill Sanitary Board. It is my understanding that the EPA has not yet released its sampling data and although DEP has, I have not yet received that data. Thrasher's additional testing was conducted in late December 2017 and reported on January 11, 2018. This testing was conducted to address concerns raised by Tribute Consultants who were contracted to install the sewer line. Tribute stopped working once they became aware of the potential contamination of the soil with PCBs. They requested additional testing be conducted to assure the workers it was safe for them as well as the residents.

Thrasher collected 13 additional samples from 7 locations, all of which were identical to locations they had sampled in earlier testing (November 29, 2017). No reason was given for why they chose these locations. Oddly, no PCBs were found in the earlier testing at 5 out of 7 of these locations. Why test at these locations where nothing was found in the earlier testing? No PCBs were found in any of the sample locations in this additional testing.

In addition, a question was raised in the January 11, 2018 Thrasher Report about the integrity of the samples taken by Thrasher in November 2017 due to the lack of chain-of-custody seals. Thrasher dismissed this concern as a simple error of omission, but it raises questions about the accuracy of the data.

It is clear from this testing that much remains unknown about the levels of PCBs in the soil along the proposed sewer line. I still feel strongly that additional testing for PCBs still needs to be conducted along the route of the proposed sewer line to a depth at least equal to the depth of the proposed sewer line. The limited additional testing has not eliminated the uncertainty about whether PCBs are present in the soil. Until properly designed testing is conducted, I would not recommend any digging along the proposed sewer line.

I hope these comments are helpful. Don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Stephen U. Lester  
Science Director

**Table 1 – PCBs (Aroclor 1260) in Surface Soil Samples in Minden, WV  
Samples Collected by USEPA in June 2017**

Sample Number	Results: All values in parts per billion (ppb)		
SS-13	450	SS-24	6.4
SS-15	90	SS-25	100
SS-16	260	SS-26	660
SS-17	130	SS-27	350
SS-18	340	SS-41	130
SS-19	210	SS-42	230
SS-20	160	SS-43	1,300
SS-21	280	SS-44	1,200
SS-22	200		
SS-23	25		

Highlighted values: 8 of 18 samples (44%) exceed the USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 in Residential Soil – 240 ppb. All 18 samples contained PCBs.

**Table 2 – PCBs (Aroclor 1260) in Sediment Samples in Minden, WV  
Samples Collected by USEPA in June 2017**

Sample Number	Results: All values in parts per billion (ppb)		
SD-1	ND		
SD-2	140	SD-13	180
SD-3	6,200	SD-15	61
SD-4	350	SD-17	190
SD-5	230	SD-19	50
SD-6	50,000	SD-20	270
SD-7	85	SD-21	ND
SD-8	120	SD-22	ND
SD-9	130	SD-24	ND
SD-11	980	SD-25	ND

Highlighted values: 5 of 19 samples (26%) exceed the USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Level for Aroclor 1260 in Residential Soil – 240 ppb; 14 of 19 (74%) samples had PCBs present.

USEPA Region 3 Regional Screening Levels: [ [HYPERLINK  
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**Sent:** 3/9/2018 12:17:33 AM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA to hold public meetings on Minden sample results

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**From:** Falvo, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA to hold public meetings on Minden sample results

## UPDATE: EPA to hold public meetings on Minden sample results

**By:** Douglas Fritz  
Updated: Mar 08, 2018 02:22 PM EST  
<http://www.wvinstv.com/local-news/fayette-county/gov-justice-gives-ok-to-restart-work-on-minden-sewer-plant/1021213424>

### 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018 UPDATE:

A pair of public meetings are scheduled in Minden to discuss the results of EPA testing in the area where construction is being done to install a sewer line. The latest round of soil samples has identified Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at levels that do not indicate an immediate threat to human health. According to a release, the EPA does not anticipate the need to take immediate action to address soils in residential areas.

The source of the concerns for residents is the Shaffer Equipment site where the EPA conducted clean up work in 2002. Shaffer used the site to build electrical mining equipment and transformers which contained PCBs. As a part of the clean up work, the EPA put a one acre cap over the area. In June 2017, an inspection determined the cap needed repairs due to storm damage. During the week of March 19, the EPA will determine the extent of those repairs and begin taking a corrective action that is needed.

Currently, there is insufficient data to determine if the Shaffer Equipment Site will qualify for listing on the Superfund NPL. If a site meets the criteria, the EPA, with the agreement of the Governor, may propose that it be added to the Superfund NPL. If listed, the EPA will conduct an assessment that will look at long term health risks.

The public meetings will be held at the New Beginning Apostolic Church on Friday, March 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Representatives from the Agency for Toxic Substances

and Disease Registry and the WVDEP. They are also expecting representatives from the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health.

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**CHARLESTON, WV (WVNS)** -- A report from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was issued to the office of Governor Jim Justice (R-WV) on Thursday, March 8, 2018. It was regarding the testing and assessment of PCB contamination in Minden.

"We have some good news here today in that the EPA has told us there is not an immediate threat to the public in Minden and that they are going to keep investigating to determine if there is any long term threat," said Gov. Justice. "Wisdom requires us to follow EPA's recommendations."

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at report led the Governor to lift a previous halt work order in the area that he issued on Feb. 12. According to a release, the EPA report stated testing and sampling was completed and there was not need for further delay in the construction of a sewer line from the old Arbuckle PSD sewer plant to the Oak Hill sewer plant in Minden.

Gov. Justice said he is still committed to having Minden added to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites if the EPA recommends that action. Details on what is involved in a Superfund site can be found on the EPA's website.

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**Sent:** 3/9/2018 1:02:25 AM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

I am going to go and was going to rent a car and stay until Saturday and go to that meeting and then come back

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 7:51 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

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**Subject:** FW: Minden, WV

Help me understand how this lines up with the Region info that says no threat to human health and no need to clean soil. Want to go with me to Minden next Friday?

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:17 PM  
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**Sent:** 3/9/2018 1:47:08 AM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

I would like to know what her take is. Are you serious about going to Minden? If so, I need Nick to get you a room as well.

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Sure I can call her tomorrow.

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Do you have time to call Karen and see what she is thinking

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Agree. We need to determine what the Regions next steps are. Perhaps they have a plan but it's not in the notice.

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <[Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov](mailto:Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Agree. But I do not see how this will reconcile with Dr. Lester's report.

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Looking at the statement from the region regarding the public meeting, it looks like the Region has determined, based on the data, that there is no need for an immediate action (I think they mean removal or emergency action). That is how I read it.

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 8:03 PM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <[Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov](mailto:Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

I sent to Cos and Karen

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**Sent:** 3/9/2018 2:23:06 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Yes. Sent it as soon as I received

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden, WV

Does the region have this?

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2018 8:59 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Minden, WV

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**Sent:** 3/12/2018 12:42:01 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: deputies meeting

I will be at the Minden, West Virginia meeting on Friday. I will get bullet points to Aaron prior to leaving

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**From:** Jackson, Ryan  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** deputies meeting

This Friday we'll continue with the deputies meetings. Thanks all for Friday's contributions. Each Friday we'll collect update and further concise steps ahead which we can highlight from each of your program offices.

Attached are the bullets of the notes from Friday's meeting. These are being placed on the draft checkerboard presently for distribution later today.

Aaron will find the best time (likely 3:30) and meeting room. Thanks all for Friday's contributions.

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**Sent:** 3/12/2018 2:26:24 PM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: State & Fed Benign Neglect is Killing Minden - REGISTER-HERALD EDITORIAL

Well available to discuss with you. However, interest by the Administrator is a positive not a negative. They already have high expectations.

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**From:** Fonseca, Silvina  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 10:25 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: State & Fed Benign Neglect is Killing Minden - REGISTER-HERALD EDITORIAL

Yes she is. She doesn't know how the meeting will be and is concerned about public expectations.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: State & Fed Benign Neglect is Killing Minden - REGISTER-HERALD EDITORIAL

Nick says Karen is concerned about my attendance. Do you happen to know why?

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Spoke to Karen. Plan is to do additional soil and sediment sampling. Right now data results do not support emergency action but does support additional Sami g. The region will continue with the HRS process that evaluated whether a site scores to be listed in the NPL. If listed then there will be an RI/FS to determine if



action under CERCLA is warranted. If so then alternatives are evaluated. If the site does not score high enough to be listed then it will be on the state to take action under State authority. Silvina.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2018, at 12:49 PM, Kelly, Albert <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)> wrote:

Need to know Region's plan by Monday COB

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Date:** March 11, 2018 at 10:34:37 AM EDT

**To:** "Kelly, Albert" <[kelly.albert@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov)>, "Falvo, Nicholas" <[falvo.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:falvo.nicholas@epa.gov)>, "Darwin, Veronica" <[darwin.veronica@epa.gov](mailto:darwin.veronica@epa.gov)>, "Fonseca, Silvina" <[Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov](mailto:Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: State & Fed Benign Neglect is Killing Minden - REGISTER-HERALD EDITORIAL

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**From:** schaffer, joan

**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 10:30 AM

**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Libertz, Catherine <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>; White, Terri-A <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>

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Nancy,  
Editorial in local paper about Minden.  
FYI.

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As much as Gov. Jim Justice might want to pass the buck on a potential PCB cleanup of Minden, we think the governor needs to push the Environmental Protection Agency as hard as he can – as he can – to have the former Shaffer's Equipment Co. property added to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites.

Not if the EPA recommends it, but upon the governor's insistence.

Ignoring our state's problems will not make them go away – and this has been a dilemma deserving a solution going on four decades. As a civilized society, we will be judged by how we treat the most vulnerable among us. And, certainly, the people of Minden – those who remain – qualify.

So why the benign neglect, governor?

A fair reading of the history of the EPA's efforts in identifying and then removing PCB contaminating soils from Minden would make anyone a skeptic – if not an outright cynic.

Certainly, Minden residents have every reason to raise an eyebrow if not a ruckus and call into question state and federal government inaction.

This past Thursday, EPA officials reported that soil and sediment samples taken in Minden in December did not show PCB contamination levels that pose an immediate threat to human health – according to the federal threshold that, for some inexplicable reason, is much higher than standards set by the state's Department of Environmental Protection.

Regardless, this isn't the first EPA rodeo for the people of Minden who, as documented by the late Dr. Hassan Amjad, have seen family and friends die from an alarmingly high rate of various cancers.

The manufacture of PCBs, Polychlorinated Biphenyls, was banned in 1979 because scientific and medical research showed a plethora of health-related effects including being identified as a possible carcinogen.

PCBs were used in the oils of electrical transformers manufactured and repaired at Schaffer's in support and supply of the coal mining industry. PCBs are nonbiodegradable – they do not readily break down once in the environment. They remain for long periods, cycling among air, water and soil.

The people of Minden know all of this because they have been living it the last 34 years. For the record:

- In 1984, the EPA discovered PCB contamination at 260,000 parts per million at Shaffer's; 1 part per million is regarded by the EPA as an "actionable" level.
- From 1984 to 1987, in two separate cleanup actions, the EPA removed PCB-contaminated barrels, tankers and soil from Shaffer's.
- In 1990, EPA gave in to pressure from, among others, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., to honor a request by Minden residents for more PCB testing. (Note to Gov. Justice: Political pressure works.)

- In March 1990, the EPA admitted that of 70 samples, five showed PCB contamination from 100 to 600 parts per million.
- The EPA returned to Minden in June 1990. Results showed PCB ranged from 52 to 538 parts per million in seven areas.
- In the fall of 1990, Dr. Amjad, who left stacks of medical data documenting the incidence of cancer in the lives of those he served in the tiny town, announced that among 19 residents of Minden and former Shaffer employees, 14 tested positive for PCB levels higher than the minimum detection limit of 0.5 part per million.
- In December of that year, EPA sampling of the Shaffer site showed PCB contamination persisted.
- In August 1993, three years after the EPA said its cleanup was finished, a review of data initiated another round of sampling.
- In May 2017, the EPA returned to Minden and tested for PCB.
- In October, four samples from the May testing showed PCB levels above 1 part per million requiring EPA action. EPA said more testing was needed.
- In December, the EPA conducted additional testing, the results of which were announced this past week.

Yes, PCBs remain – but not at “actionable” levels, according to federal guidelines.

And after all of this, what does the governor say?

“We have acted promptly and appropriately to protect the citizens of Minden.”

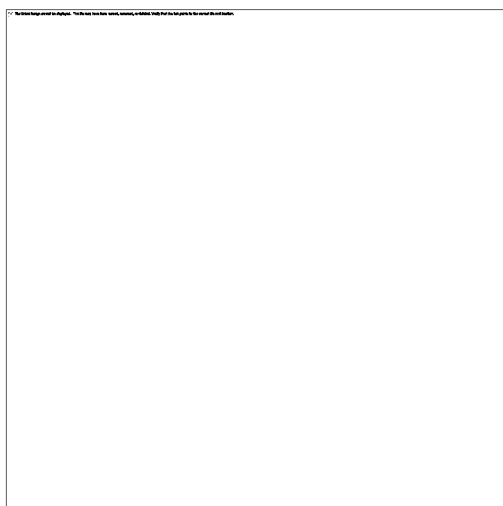
Gov. Justice, you may be a recent arrival to the party, but there is nothing prompt about the government’s reaction to a major health concern in a forgotten little town in Fayette County.

The folks in Minden need an advocate, not someone eager to hand off responsibility to a federal agency that seems to have been dragging its feet all these years. “Actionable” to the EPA seems to translate as another round of testing to find its desired result.

Minden residents would not be wrong to believe that their lives do not matter to the state or federal governments, that they are collateral damage left in the wake of West Virginia's blinding economic and political allegiance to the coal industry.

Minden residents are dying of cancer and there is a probable carcinogen stalking the neighborhood. We as a society cannot absolve sins of the past but we can correct a course of care – if we care.

[http://www.register-herald.com/opinion/editorials/state-and-federal-benign-neglect-is-killing-minden/article\\_712d4f7d-0f5f-5985-b3ec-7c6c171e0eaf.html](http://www.register-herald.com/opinion/editorials/state-and-federal-benign-neglect-is-killing-minden/article_712d4f7d-0f5f-5985-b3ec-7c6c171e0eaf.html)



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**Sent:** 3/12/2018 11:04:47 PM  
**To:** Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden West Virginia trip

The Minden trip has been postponed to April 9 and 10. I will need the same arrangements(rental car out of Washington and room there)

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**Sent:** 1/3/2018 9:53:35 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Responses-proposed

1. EPA's responsibility at Minden is no different than at any other city. We are charged with oversight and sometimes direct action to provide or effect actions for a safe environment for the citizens. To that end, we have conducted three clean up actions that began in 1987, 1991 and 1997 respectively. Further, we have and continue to conduct sampling efforts on site and we have and continue to monitor the work of the State of West Virginia in their clean-up efforts. Further, we are now examining the ongoing protection of the cap placed on a portion of the site in 2002.
2. EPA has no evidence of that. However, technically that is not our determination. The West Virginia Bureau of Public Health has the responsibility to determine this definition. However, even with such a finding, EPA's actions for cleanup would remain unchanged.
3. EPA will conduct cleanup that any sampling warrants and that the state has not undertaken or will be undertaking.
4. Sites are scored in an objective manner to determine their eligibility. Further, the State must concur to the listing. As of this date, those events have not occurred. They may in the future.

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**Sent:** 3/12/2018 11:03:48 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden Visit

I will plan to be there on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Good luck this weekend

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 6:17 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Minden Visit

**Kell**

**Per our conversation, below is a summary/itinerary if a trip to Minden**

**We will work around your schedule accordingly.**

**Thanks**

**Cos**

**Potential Visit to Minden**

**April 9** Arrival: 6 PM  
**Windshield Tour:** 30 Minutes  
Minden including the Shaffer Equipment Company Site  
The Cap  
Decommissioned Minden water treatment site  
Oak Hill Sewer Line Project  
Arbuckle Creek

**Listening Session/Meeting:** 7 PM

**Venue:** Community Center

**Meeting Participants:**

- Headwaters Defense Reps (1 or 2)
- Small group of residents (Based on past practice, most residents show up to any meetings)

**Agenda:**

Listen to residents' concerns, now that they've digested information from the public meetings. Gather information on other community stressors.

Provide information on potential support programs, ex: Healthy Places Healthy People planning assistance program, Local Foods Local Places, and any other programs. We will search all federal agencies for assistance/community based support programs, in support of minimizing or removing stressors in the community (similar to the new public sewer line to alleviate sewer overflows). Relieving some of the stress on the community will help residents who wish to relocate, regardless of the outcome of the NPL ranking.

We can meet briefly with Bill Hannabass, Oak Hill City Manager, the following morning. Minden was annexed to Oak Hill a few years ago and that process created a lot of tension. He may be able to provide addition information on local efforts to relieve community stressors.



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**Sent:** 3/14/2018 9:51:17 PM  
**To:** Lois Gibbs [lgibbs@chej.org]  
**Subject:** Minden

Hello Ms. Gibbs, I wanted to give you a correction on my trip to Minden. I am going now on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April to take a more in depth look and meet with more people. I am letting the Region handle the meetings this Friday and Saturday.

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**Sent:** 3/17/2018 9:33:41 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Residents, regulators clash at Minden public hearing | News | wvgazettemail.com

Can you get a read on what the Region is thinking on this?

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**Cc:** "Libertz, Catherine" <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>, "White, Terri-A" <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Google Alert - Superfund

See the Minden write up

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**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 8:01 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Google Alert - Superfund



## Superfund

Daily update - January 8, 2018

### NEWS

#### NZ Super Fund on the hunt for new CEO

New Zealand Herald

**NZ Super Fund** on the hunt for new CEO. 8 Jan, 2018 1:00pm. 3 minutes to read. Current CEO Adrian Orr will be taking over the reins at the reserve bank from late March. Photo/Dean Purcell. APNZ-BUSINESSDESK. Share via email Share on Facebook Share on Twitter Show more Bookmark this article.

NZ Super Fund seeks recruiter to help find new chief by mid-May - sharechat  
Full Coverage



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#### New Zealand Super Fund has more than doubled in the past decade

Stuff.co.nz

The **Super Fund** is currently worth about \$37 billion but could have been worth \$60b had capital contributions continued. The **NZ Super Fund** was set up in 2002 by the previous Labour government to help smooth the looming rise in state pension costs, but National ceased payments when it came into ...



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The National Business Review

... in the domestic capital markets," it said. Orr's total pay package was \$1.22 million in the 2017 June year, up from \$1.06 million in 2016. The **Super Fund's** salary became a political football early last year when then-Prime Minister Bill English rebuked the manager's board for lifted the CEO's pay in 2016.

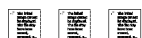


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## Super Fund seeks recruiter for new chief

NZCity

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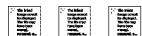


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## New Jersey Needs to Pull Pension Money from Polluters

TAPinto.net

With more **Superfund** sites than any state in the nation, New Jersey has a significant interest in standing up to companies that seek to dodge their liabilities. If companies responsible for pollution are able to avoid the expense of cleaning up their toxic mess without consequence, other companies might ...



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## EPA cuts threaten our health, economy

Albuquerque Journal

Remarkably, the administration and its allies are also seeking deep cuts in money to clean up hazardous **Superfund** sites, including a deep cut to emergency response funds that help clean up the most urgent threats. New Mexico has 20 hazardous waste sites on the EPA's **Superfund** Priorities List and ...



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## EPA mandate on manure air emissions stayed for now

Scoitsbluff Star Herald

... Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as the "**Superfund**" law), and Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). Specifically, the rule exempted farms releasing hazardous substances from animal waste to the air above ...



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## Government urged to create impact investment fund

InvestorDaily

QBE Insurance announced a \$100 million allocation to social impact bonds in 2014, and industry **super fund** HESTA launched a Social Impact Investment Trust in 2015 that committed \$30 million to invest in housing, employment, health and education. Ten per cent of Christian **Super's funds** under ...



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## This Town Is So Toxic, They Want It Wiped Off the Map

Mother Jones

Meanwhile, Minden residents have been lobbying to the put on the EPA's **Superfund** National Priorities List. **Superfund** is a program that identifies and cleans up toxic sites around the country. West Virginia currently has 10 such sites, but in order to be added to the list, the EPA must decide if the site is ...



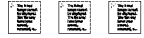
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## Super Fund seeks recruiter for new chief

MSN.com

The New Zealand Superannuation Fund aims to replace its outgoing chief executive by enlisting the help of a recruiter.



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**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry wapo on minden

They cannot film without our approval and that of the property owner? Additionally, I think we should examine how we have handled requests like this in the past

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**Subject:** Fwd: Inquiry

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I'm Cc'ing Whitney on this email. Thanks again!

-brady

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**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden

Any update on the above? Also, are we still planning on April 9 and 10? If so, do you have a final agenda? If you sent this already, forgive me, I have been out a few days

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**To:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry wapo on minden

I have a 1230 so if it is over, I will be there. Your office?

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**From:** Bowman, Liz  
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**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry wapo on minden

Does 1 p.m. work?

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**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:57 PM  
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry wapo on minden

Sure. Afternoon is better for me

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**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry wapo on minden

Can we talk tomorrow am? Kell, what time works for you?

On Mar 22, 2018, at 6:20 PM, Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov> wrote:

I suggest that the three of us discuss this

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**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry / minden wash post

Talked with Liz. I think we should have the reporter there when I am there. Wait and see what Liz would like to share with you. Just wanted you to know what I thought.

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See Cosmo's input below thx ng

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**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

Ok. Just heard from Cosmo. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** (Please share with Liz).

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Thanks, Nancy!!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 7:17 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

No - kell is not at ecos

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 7:05 PM, schafer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok. Just sent note to Cosmo. Is Kell at ECOs with the RAs?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 6:53 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Running through Liz and kell

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2018, at 6:28 PM, schaffer, joan <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nancy. FYI. Wash Post wants to film or document the site assessment sampling in Minden. I need to share with my folks and we might not be able to accommodate the request due to privacy issues. Just wanted to get this on your radar screen and get your thoughts.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dennis, Brady" <[Brady.Dennis@washpost.com](mailto:Brady.Dennis@washpost.com)>  
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 6:22:23 PM EDT  
**To:** "schafer, joan" <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Shefte, Whitney" <[Whitney.Shefte@washpost.com](mailto:Whitney.Shefte@washpost.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry

Hi Joan,

Thanks for your help earlier this month in setting up the call with Cosmo. I wanted to check back because my colleague, Whitney Shefte, has been working on the visual piece of the story we hope to do on Minden.

I know that according to Cosmo and to the recent press release, the EPA was supposed to return soon (maybe starting this week?) to Minden to do some more testing. Whitney wanted to figure out if there is a way to be present for some of that in order to capture the EPA following up on its word to undertake continued tests there? Wondering if there are certain days or times when it would be okay to tag along with the testing crew there in order to document what EPA is trying to do to rule out health risks in Minden

I'm Cc'ing Whitney on this email. Thanks again!

-brady

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Message

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**Sent:** 3/26/2018 7:13:25 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

I would like your thoughts and advice

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Thanks .. you are right – this is interesting . .especially in light of the press coverage

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**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
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Interesting status on Minden

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**Sent:** 3/27/2018 9:18:33 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Minden

Great. I will plan on it for now. Probably need to have some drive time there on the 5<sup>th</sup> so if we can begin at noon that would be good

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 2:35 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fields, Jenifer <fields.jenifer@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Minden

Kell

We are working on the 5th and the 6th with the local legislator and community. I'll let you know ASAP if we are able to coordinate.

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Thanks Cos. Sorry for the change of dates. Let me know what works when you know. Have a good time off

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Message

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**From:** Headwaters Defense [headwatersdefense@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 5:06:46 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** [SPAM-Sender] Minden visit time and location.

It would be ideal to have the public meeting at the community center in Minden. Is that the location for Thursday's event?

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 11:37:00 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden  
**Attachments:** Draft PR for Minden Sent to HQ.docx; ATT00001.htm; Minden Sampling Results Comms Plan 3 2 18.docx; ATT00002.htm; Minden QAs 03\_02.docx; ATT00003.htm; 3-2-18 Minden Ad.docx; ATT00004.htm; 3-1-18 Shaffer draft final Fact Sheet.docx; ATT00005.htm; Shaffer Final Draft Residential Letter 3 2 18\_.docx; ATT00006.htm

Kell,

As you know, we engaged a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to canvas the residents on their preferences for the format of the public meeting(s) to be held on March 16 and 17. They will be making calls next week. We will also be sending out to the property owners the results of our December sampling event. We will be issuing a press release announcing the availability of the data and the public meeting. We will be distributing Fact Sheets to Minden residents next week, as well, that also encourages their participation in the public meeting.

About the public meeting, in addition to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Facilitator, we are arranging to send 2 On-Scene Coordinators, 2 Site Assessment Managers, 2 Community Involvement Specialists, a Press Officer, a Congressional Liaison, a Toxicologist and a representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and are waiting for participation confirmation from the state and or local Health Department. There will also be representation from the WV Department of Environmental Protection.

I am attaching our Communications Plan, Meeting Notice, Fact Sheet, Press Release and Public Meeting Notice, along with a Q/A document that is intended solely to inform regional response to any questions that may be posed by the press, Congressional delegations or the public. They should still be considered "draft," however, we do not expect that they will be subject to any dramatic changes. I am also attaching the letter we will be sending to the residents.

Also, we had a very good calm with WVDEP last week to coordinate our response accordingly.

I'll have my assistant schedule a time for us to talk.

Thanks.

Cos

Message

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**From:** Ferrell, Mark [Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/9/2018 2:24:11 AM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Cecil [rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov]; Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]; D'Andrea, Michael [DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV]; Miller, Linda [miller.linda@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden, WV UPDATE  
**Attachments:** Mtg1.png; HDgroup1.png

Good evening everyone

I spoke today with Ed McGuire, Environmental Advocate at the state DEP. Ed told me that [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] one of the Minden residents he and I know who attended the meeting at HQ on January 24th, had called him to let him know they are very pleased with how the meeting went. [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] wanted DEP to know they were told during the meeting that Mr. Kelly was coming down to West Virginia soon to have a look for himself, and that they were told during the meeting that EPA would "move Minden to the top of the NPL list and pay for the relocation of the residents of Minden."

Ed and I agree that misinformation on several fronts is inflating expectations among folks in Minden, which can further complicate an already complex situation. I recommend messaging going forward be coordinated with DEP when possible, and conscious of the need to tap the brakes a bit on runaway expectations.

I let DEP know that results from our latest sampling should be back by the end of the month, and that another public meeting for Minden is in the works for March.

DEP is working on gathering data necessary to make their informed recommendation to the governor, who is asking for their input ASAP. In the meantime, I advised Ed that DEP could expect to receive a letter from the RA.

Curiously, [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] on and [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] managed to get a story about their meeting at HQ into the Beckley paper on Feb 5 (two weeks after the meeting) and it does not include any claims that EPA has promised a visit or a buyout. Story [here](#).

~Mark

Message

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/15/2018 2:12:32 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Documentary Project in Minden, WV

See below - let's discuss

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "schafer, joan" <[schafer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schafer.joan@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 14, 2018 at 9:22:33 PM EDT  
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Libertz, Catherine" <[Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov](mailto:Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov)>, "White, Terri-A" <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Documentary Project in Minden, WV

Nancy, yesterday our OSC rec'd the email at the bottom from someone making a documentary about Minden. Roy reached out today and requested questions in writing.

Tonight we rec'd the email below from the documentarian saying he wants to film Saturday's public meeting. Thoughts?  
Thanks.

Hi Roy:

Thank you for your response. I will compile our specific questions and share them with you. Another question: for the EPA public hearing this Saturday in Minden (from 9 to noon at the Apostolic Church), is there anything that would prohibit us from filming the public meeting? We had heard that this was okay, but wanted to confirm.

Hello Ms. Linden:

My name is Jake Bowling, and I am the Executive Producer of a documentary project focused on Minden, WV. I am originally from Fayetteville, West Virginia, but now work as a healthcare consultant in Washington, DC. I've teamed up with two other producers and a documentary filmmaker from New York City to shed light on the PCB contamination in Minden. Over the past few months, we've filmed hours of footage in Minden, speaking with residents there about PCB contamination, and related public health issues.

We would like to provide an opportunity for EPA to respond to a number of questions pertaining to its response to the PCB contamination, and share more about your thoughts & specific plans around testing efforts and subsequent recommendations for how to address the contamination. Ideally, you would sit down and do an on-camera interview with our team - which can be added to the documentary.

Could you please contact me at this email address, or feel free to call me at 304-663-1171? Thank you so much!

Jake Bowling



**From:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/12/2018 10:17:05 PM  
**To:** Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Minden Visit  
**Attachments:** Minden Stats..docx; ATT00001.htm

**Kell**

**Per our conversation, below is a summary/itinerary if a trip to Minden**

**We will work around your schedule accordingly.**

**Thanks**

**Cos**

**Potential Visit to Minden**

**April 9** Arrival: 6 PM

**Windshield Tour:** 30 Minutes

Minden including the Shaffer Equipment Company Site  
The Cap  
Decommissioned Minden water treatment site  
Oak Hill Sewer Line Project  
Arbuckle Creek

**Listening Session/Meeting:** 7 PM

**Venue:** Community Center

**Meeting Participants:**

- Headwaters Defense Reps (1 or 2)
- Small group of residents (Based on past practice, most residents show up to any meetings)

**Agenda:**

Listen to residents' concerns, now that they've digested information from the public meetings. Gather information on other community stressors.

Provide information on potential support programs, ex: Healthy Places Healthy People planning assistance program, Local Foods Local Places, and any other programs. We will search all federal agencies for assistance/community based support programs, in support of minimizing or removing stressors in the community (similar to the new public sewer line to alleviate sewer overflows). Relieving some of the stress on the community will help residents who wish to relocate, regardless of the outcome of the NPL ranking.

We can meet briefly with Bill Hannabass, Oak Hill City Manager, the following morning. Minden was annexed to Oak Hill a few years ago and that process created a lot of tension. He may be able to provide addition information on local efforts to relieve community stressors.

**Public Records: Online**

Status: Active

TruthFinder

This site contains REAL police records (court records of driving citations, speeding tickets, felonies, misdemeanors, offenses, mugshots, etc.), background reports, court documents, address information, phone numbers, and much more.

**Enter Site****POPULATION**

Total Population	242
Daytime Population: Workers	2
Daytime Population: Residents	179
Total Daytime Population (TDP)	181
Ratio TDP/Total Population <sup>1</sup>	0.75
Population in Households	242
Population in Families	192
Population in Group Qtrs	0
Population Density <sup>2</sup>	490
Diversity Index <sup>3</sup>	16

**INCOME**

Median Household Income	\$38,109
Average Household Income	\$52,760
Per Capita Income	\$21,888

**HOUSING**

Total Housing Units	120 (100%)
Owner Occupied HU	73 (60.8%)
Renter Occupied HU	24 (20.0%)
Vacant Housing Units	23 (19.2%)
Median Home Value	\$83,333
Average Home Value	\$97,297

**HOUSEHOLDS**

Total Households	97
Average Household Size	2.49
Family Households	64
Average Family Size	3

Message

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**To:** AO OPA Individual News Clips <AO\_OPA\_Ind\_News\_Clips@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** AP: Some West Virginians at odds with EPA over soil sampling, 3/25/18

**AP**  
<https://apnews.com/a826c23a3ea9491db44f5a6bcb82ae50/Some-West-Virginians-at-odds-with-EPA-over-soil-sampling>  
**Some West Virginians at odds with EPA over soil sampling**  
3/25/18

MINDEN, W.Va. (AP) — Some residents of a West Virginia town are at odds with the Environmental Protection Agency over whether soil samples were taken from requested sites.

The Register-Herald reports that EPA officials told residents this month they would test previously untested residential properties in Minden.

Officials told residents to submit their requests following a meeting.

Some residents say their requests for PCB contamination testing were ignored by EPA scientists. Members of a citizens' environmental group say none of the requests by residents were honored.

EPA regional spokesman Roy Seneca countered those claims. Seneca says EPA sampled yards of all residents who requested sampling during public meetings.

Seneca says EPA agents were in town several days to collect samples.

EPA is determining whether part of the town will be placed on the National Priority List Superfund site.

## Appointment

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**From:** Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/13/2018 10:04:40 PM  
**To:** Servidio, Cosmo [servidio.cosmo@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]; Fields, Jenifer [fields.jenifer@epa.gov]

**Subject:** Call Re: Minden  
**Location:** Call 215-814-2900

**Start:** 2/14/2018 1:30:00 PM  
**End:** 2/14/2018 2:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

**Required Attendees:** Kelly, Albert; Melvin, Karen; Fields, Jenifer

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